



March 8th, 2026
Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What do the scripture passages say? Read Romans 8:18-25*

1. According to Romans 8:18–22, what is creation doing right now and why? What words does Paul use to describe the condition of creation?
 2. In verse 23, what do believers already have, and what are they still waiting for? How does Paul describe the tension between these two realities?
 3. In verses 24–25, how does Paul define hope, and how does it shape the way believers wait?
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Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life?

4. The sermon said that “everyone grows while waiting—either in hope or in attempted control.” When you are in a season of waiting, what are the signs that you are moving toward hope versus moving toward control?
 5. Paul says both creation and believers are “groaning.” Where do you see that groaning in the world around you—or in your own life?
 6. Christians live in the “already / not yet”: we already have salvation and the Spirit, but we are still waiting for full redemption. How does remembering what we already have in Christ help you endure what is still unfinished?
 7. What practices or reminders help you keep your eyes on the “glory that is coming” instead of being overwhelmed by present suffering?
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Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****
