

Scripture |

Romans 8:18-39

Ice Breaker |

1. Do you have any favourite bible verses? What are they, and why are they favourites of yours?

Going Deeper |

1. What in this world causes you to “groan” in frustration, anger, or desperation for something to change?
2. Read Romans 8:18-27.
3. What stands out to you from this passage? Why does this stand out to you?
4. Paul uses the language of creation extensively in this section. Describe all the things creation is doing and experiencing in this section.
5. What is the “glory that is to be revealed” in 18?
6. Why is creation, and why are Christians experiencing groaning?
7. Why does it mean for us that creation itself is waiting to be transformed? What role do we play in that?
8. How are the hope and patient waiting (or eager waiting depending on your translation) mentioned in this section connected to the suffering mentioned in verse 18?
9. Read Romans 8:28-39
10. In verse 27, God is called the one who searches our hearts. In the context of verses 26-30, what does this name imply? What is he searching for?
11. How does verse 28 encourage you as you face suffering and struggle with sin?
12. What do you think Paul meant with the words “God foreknew” or “predestined” His people? How can we explain this in a way that is consistent with God’s love, mercy, and justice?
13. What does it mean to you that God has chosen you?
14. What could be more than a conqueror?
15. Think about your answer to the first question (what makes you “groan”). In what ways does this passage speak to you regarding your answer?