

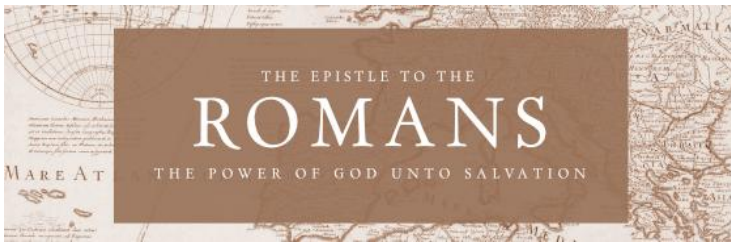
SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Romans 8:23-25**

October 26, 2025

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. In what ways do verses 23-25 connect back with what we've seen previously in verses 18-22?
3. When we consider our present sufferings and our future glory, why is the internal disposition of our hearts one of inner groaning? What does this phrase "inner groaning" even mean?
4. When it comes to earthly suffering, what is the difference between lamenting/groaning and grumbling/complaining? Why is one encouraged in Scripture while the other is condemned?
5. What does Paul mean when he says we have "the firstfruits of the Spirit"? What is implied by the word "first"?
6. What are we eagerly awaiting for according to these verses? How does waiting for this help us persevere through our earthly suffering?
7. In verse 15 we were told that we have already received the Spirit of adoption as sons but here in verse 23 it says that we are eagerly awaiting our adoption as sons. How do we reconcile these two verses with one another?



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8. Why does Paul frame it as adoption as “sons”, as opposed to as “sons and daughters”? What is the theological significance of such a statement? In other words, what is lost when we try to insert gender-neutral language?
9. Pastor Jacob spoke about how the virtues of faith and hope are tied together. How do these two virtues complement each other? How are they similar? How are they different?
10. Paul explains that hope is future-oriented. Hope is present because something is absent. As Christians, what are we still *hoping* for that is currently absent? Use Scripture to support your answer. How can this hope that we have help us as we seek to endure the trials of life?