

Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: DISCUSSION DATE: TEXT:

07/07/2024 07/14/2024 ROMANS 8:18-30

IF ONLY GOD IS GLORIFIED

- I. OUR FATHER HAS DELIVERED US FROM HOPELESSNESS TO PATIENT ENDURANCE! (VS. 18-25)
 - A. Compare/contrast suffering vs. Glory (vs. 18)
 - B. Glory =
 - C. Patient endurance (vs. 19-25)
 - 1. Suffering had a beginning and has an ending
 - 2. For the creation (vs. 19-22)
 - 3. For the believer (vs. 23-25)

II. OUR FATHER IS WORKING TO EXALT HIS SON IN US! (VS. 26-30)

- A. The Holy Spirit prays for us (vs. 26)
- B. The Father knows us (vs. 27)
- C. We know God's plan (vs. 28-30)
 - 1. God is working (vs. 28)
 - 2. to exalt His Son (vs. 29)
 - 3. in you! (vs. 30)

FOR CONFERENCING

- 1. Spend some time making observations in vs 18 so that you can write the verse in your own words:
- 2. List the occurrences of the word "creation" with the related verbs found in verses 19-22:

- 3. At what coming events, described here, will creation and believers be relieved from the burdens of this life? What provisions does God give us, in these verses, to help us wait well?
- 4. According to vs. 29, what is the "good" (mentioned in vs. 28) that God is working to accomplish? Try to carefully bring key words and phrases from vs. 29 as you answer.

- 5. What is the meaning of "firstborn" in vs. 29?
- 6. Describe the helpful significance of the beginning of verse 28, "And we know."

7. What is your biggest "If only?" Is God's biggest purpose more valuable than ours?