

LISTENING GUIDE

Romans 8:18-25 – God Gives the Hope of Glory

1. Present suffering can lead us to _____ God's promises,
_____ of hope, or even _____ him.

2. The _____ God gives...
 - 1) Far _____ present sufferings.
 - 2) Allows me to live with _____
_____.

3. Present suffering has _____ to future glory.

4. This future glory is an _____ experience.

5. Nature is subject to _____, so that we would be led
to say, "There must be something _____."

6. Jesus _____ himself in this groaning world and
suffered the highest _____ of suffering to give us the
incredible _____ of the promises of God.

7. The promised glory is a _____ existence in
_____ with our God, and all that will accompany it.

NEXT STEPS

QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND APPLICATION TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE DEEPER INTO YOUR LIFE.

1. Pastor was not able to elaborate on the illustration Paul uses in verse 22 that “creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth.” **Look up John 16:20-22 and use Jesus’ words there to help explain the point Paul makes in Romans 8:22. What further comfort does this bring to you?**

2. In verse 23, Paul says that we have the “firstfruits” of the Spirit. **What do you think the “firstfruits” of the Spirit are? Why do they cause us to “groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons”?**

3. **Evaluate this quote from Christian theologian and Greek Scholar Douglas Moo:** “A Christian views the suffering of this life in a larger, world-transcending context that, while not alleviating its present intensity, transcends it with the confident expectation that suffering is not the final word.”

