

Scripture: Romans 8:17-39

Additional reading:

OPEN:

1. On an optimist-pessimist scale, where would you position yourself. Why?

DIG:

1. From vv 8-17, what type of suffering does Paul have in view here? What do you think he means by "the glory to come?" How does this relate to creation in vv 19-23?
2. How can the hope in vv 22-25 help during times of trial?
3. How do vv 26-28 affect your prayer life? your attitude toward the Spirit's role in your life?
4. What confidence does v 28 give you about events that occur in your life? How does this relate to the idea of suffering in v 18?
5. In vv 29-30, what 5 verbs describe God's role in our coming to know him? How do these add to your confidence?

6. In vv 31-39, how does Paul settle the fears of those who may still be asking questions about the security of God's love for us? How do these verses sum up Paul's message in Romans so far?

REFLECT:

1. What frustrates you most about living in a fallen world?
2. When was the last time you did not know how to pray? How did the Holy Spirit help you?
3. When has it been hardest for you to believe Romans 8:28?
4. What will you claim from this passage to help you through the week?