

Being RIGHT when you're in the wrong

STUDY 14 Romans 8:18-30

Suffering and Glory

What are some different views on suffering in the world? How do people explain it? How do people deal with it?

CONTEXT – Where does it fit?

1. Read Romans 8:17. As Paul moves into talking about our present suffering how does this verse help us?

OBSERVATION – How is it communicated?

2. Read Romans 8:18-30. List any repeated words and phrases. How would you explain the flow of the passage?

MEANING – What does it mean?

3. What is Paul's perspective on the present and the future for Christians?
4. How does the image of child birth help explain his point?
5. List everything we're told about creation, the Christian experience, and the Holy Spirit.
6. What do verses 28-30 mean for Christians? What is God's purpose (His will) for His people?

APPLICATION – How does it change us?

7. How does this passage help us:
 - Face suffering in our lives?
 - Shape our prayers?
 - Have confidence in God to finish the work He has started in us?
8. What would you say to someone who says:
"I can't see or feel that God is working in all things for my good"