



Oakwood

CHURCH

April 10 Discussion Questions

“Gospel Future”

Romans 8:18-30

PREVIEW

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18

God will **Restore** the world beyond its original **Goodness** (v. 18)

- All creation struggles under the effects of **Sin** (v. 22)
- Until sin is removed from **People** its effects cannot be removed from the earth (v. 19, 21)

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.” Romans 8:28-29

God will **Perfect** us into the **Glory** of Jesus (v. 21)

- Revealing us as the **Children** of God (v. 23)
- Receiving our immortal **Bodies** (v. 23, 25)
- Restoring in us the **Image** of Jesus (v. 28-30)

“And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” Romans 8:30

OPEN IT

1. Since our topic today is on “Gospel Future,” what is something special you’d love to do in the future before you die?

PRAY - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ IT — Romans 8:18-30

EXPLORE IT

2. What two things does Paul compare in v.18? Why do you think he concludes that they aren’t worth comparing?
3. What things does God intend to restore in this passage?
4. What are we to do until God restores all things?
5. According to v.29, what is God’s ultimate goal for our lives?

GET IT

6. How do you understand the differences between justification, sanctification, and glorification? How is Christ’s grace and power evident in each?
7. From beginning with predestination and ending with glorification in v.29, we can conclude that God’s work cannot fail. In what way today is it comforting for you to know that God’s work cannot fail?
8. In what ways do we see the world under the bondage of corruption?
9. What has God currently given us to bring hope and strength while we still live in a corrupted world?
10. How have you misunderstood that v.28 before? How does the context provided in v.29 help us make a better interpretation of v.28?

APPLY IT

11. What form of “suffering” is affecting your life right now? How are you doing with waiting and trusting in God amidst it?
12. In what way does the coming redemption and restoration of all things bring you hope and strength for today?
13. How is this text calling you to love Jesus more or serve Him better?

PRAY IT

- Personal Request: Pray for God’s comfort in our sufferings as we await our future glorification.

- Ministry: Pray for **Mike and Kathi Maggard** serving with *Strategic World Impact* as they help to mobilize Christian leaders to multiply disciples, churches, leaders and movements in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia.