

Week of October 4th, 2020 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
Spirit's Hope | Romans 8:18-25

Overview

There is hope! We await a day when our present sufferings pass and we are brought into the freedom and glory God has promised His children.

ICEBREAKER

What signs of aging or weathering are you starting to feel in your bones?

BIBLE: Read Romans 8:18-25

1. Would you classify yourself as a "patient" person or somebody who needs things immediately?
2. What are some of the key words/repeated words found in this passage?
3. What kind of "suffering" do you think the early Christians in Rome were experiencing when Paul wrote this letter? What kind of "suffering" are you experiencing today?
4. Try to visualize what it will be like in heaven when you are confronted with God's magnificent glory! How would you describe it? How does it compare to the suffering that you're facing today?
5. In verses 20-21, why was creation "subjected to frustration" and in what ways will creation be "liberated?"
6. What do people tend to place their hope in today? What is the difference between the hope of a Christian and wishful thinking?
7. What feelings are produced by a lack of hope? What feelings are produced when there is hope?

APPLICATION

1. Why are Christians hopeful? As an Ohana Group, make a list of 10 reasons why you can have hope.
2. Hope also gives us strength today. We live during a time when many are without hope, in despair, and feel defeated. Is there anybody you know that needs to be given hope? How can you share the hope of Jesus with them?
3. How can hope anchored in Jesus help you overcome the suffering you are facing today? What excites you most about the future? What excites you most about being with the Father in heaven?

Take on the Romans 8 Challenge as an Ohana Group and encourage one another to memorize Romans 8!

PRAYER

1. Pray for those who are without hope, in despair, and feel defeated. Pray that they will be consumed with hope found in Jesus Christ.
2. Praise God for the promise of eternal life!
3. Pray for endurance and patience as you overcome present sufferings and as you anticipate the day when you are brought into freedom and glory in the presence of God!