

Sermon Application Sheet

January 6, 2019

Sermon Outline

- I. Thinking About Suffering**
 - A. Suffering is Real
 - B. Suffering Cannot Compare to Glory
- II. The Reality Behind the Reality**
 - A. Creation Waits for Glory
 - B. The Redeemed Wait for Glory
- III. Living in Hope**
 - A. Hope Anticipates
 - B. Hope Perseveres

Application Questions

1. Why does Paul want you to know suffering is real?

2. What does this passage teach you about the nature of the world around you? Why is that important for you to know?

3. What is the difference between the believer's hope and the way most people think of hope? What is the hardest thing about hope? What is the most comforting thing about hope?

Romans 8:18-25 (ESV)

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

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.