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Romans 8:18-39

See 2020 (and 2021, and 2022, and...) from _____ perspective.

1. The suffering is _____. (18-25)

2. The Spirit is _____. (26-27)

3. The solution is _____. (28)

4. The sanctification is _____. (29-30)

5. The Savior is _____. (31-39)



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Questions for adults to discuss:

1. Paul uses the analogy of childbirth in verse 22 to describe the time of waiting for restoration. What does this tell us about the waiting?
2. What does it mean that the Spirit intercedes for us? (v. 26)
3. Given its context, what does 8:28 mean? How might this passage be misinterpreted?
4. How do Romans 8:28-30 provide strength and encouragement as you struggle with suffering and sin?
5. According to verse 29, those who belong to Christ are being conformed to the image of Christ. What does that mean?
6. What does it mean to be justified? What does it mean for God to justify us? (v. 33)
7. Verses 35, 38, and 39 mention several things that cannot separate us from the love of Christ. Knowing these truths, how does that give perspective on your current struggles?

Questions to discuss with 6th-12th grade students:

1. What suffering have you personally gone through or seen others go through in 2020?
2. What does it mean that “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us?” (v. 18)
3. What hope does verse 28 give after a year full of suffering?
4. What do you learn about God’s love from verses 31-39?



Questions/Activities for birth-5th graders:

Romans 8:38-39 (read the bolded portion for younger children)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Questions:

1. Can death separate us from the love of God? (no)
2. Can life separate us from the love of God? (no)
3. What can separate us from the love of God? (nothing)
4. Does that mean God is always with us no matter what? (yes)
5. When things get rough, how can we remind ourselves that God is with us?
(read the Bible as a family and pray and ask God to help you understand)

Activity:

Find two colors of play dough. Take the two colors and break off a small piece of each color for every family member. Instruct family members to look at the two colors and then mix them. Tell them to mix them good. Now, have them describe the two colors together and ask them if they remembered what they looked like before. Instruct them to put the playdough back to two colors. "It is entirely impossible to separate the two colors of dough now that they are combined. It's even harder for us to be separated from God's love. It's impossible. God promises that absolutely nothing can separate you from His love.

Pray

"God, Your love is amazing! Please help us to see and know how much You love us. No matter what life throws at us, thank You that You are always there to help us get back up. Help us to live with confidence each day and remember what's true about You—that nothing can separate us from Your love. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."