

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Pray by the Spirit May 18, 2025

#### Summary

In today's message, Kyle reminded us that following Jesus isn't about religious striving; it's about being led by the Spirit. Life can feel like a storm, but Romans 8 teaches us that we have real hope: Our present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, even when we don't know how to pray. And God is working with us to bring good, even through our struggles. Instead of rowing harder, we raise our sails and let God's Spirit carry us forward.

#### Scripture

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." Genesis 3:17b-19 (NIV)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:18-25 (NIV)

#### Let's Start

If you could go back and encourage your younger self during a tough season, what would you say?

#### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

## Let's Talk

1. What part of Kyle's message stood out to you the most? Why?
2. What is something you learned about prayer?
3. How do you usually respond when life feels like a storm?
4. What does it mean to you that the Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak?
5. Have you ever experienced God bringing good out of a difficult situation? Would you feel comfortable sharing?
6. Kyle talked about four things Paul teaches us about suffering and glory:
  1. Suffering goes before glory.
  2. Current suffering can't be compared to coming glory.
  3. Suffering and glory describe both believers and creation.
  4. Suffering defines the present, glory defines the future.Which of these four truths about suffering and glory stood out most to you, and why?
7. What's the difference between "rowing harder" and "raising your sails" in your faith?
8. How can we remind each other to live by the Spirit, not by striving?

## Let's Act

Reach out to someone you know who is walking through a hard time—offer to pray, listen or simply be present.

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