



## GROANING FOR GLORY

ROMANS 8:18-28 \* MAY 14, 2023

### LET'S PLAY: TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

ROMANS 8:18-26; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

- T or F Things shouldn't be this \_\_\_\_\_.
- T or F Something \_\_\_\_\_ is still to come.
- T or F Everything is going to work out \_\_\_\_\_.

### THIS TIME: TWO LIES AND A TRUTH

- T or F My situation is \_\_\_\_\_.
- T or F God wants nothing to do with my brokenness.
- T or F God was willing to be broken to \_\_\_\_\_ my brokenness.

### A MOST UNIQUE MIRACLE

MARK 7:31-37

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ what's broken inside of you;  
the Holy Spirit knows and \_\_\_\_\_  
with your suffering.

## THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

ROMANS 8:27-28

- 1 We can express gratitude and \_\_\_\_\_ in knowing that even the routine good things in life are from God.
- 2 Even when life "goes wrong" we don't have to battle \_\_\_\_\_ or anxiety — "in all things God works."
- 3 We can have confidence in that we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God's good purposes for us. (PHILIPPIANS 1:6)

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What type of sacrifices do people commonly make for the sake of a future reward?
2. Read Romans 8:18-25. As you look over this passage, what key words express the difficulties of the present time in which we live?
3. How does Paul describe the suffering that we and the rest of creation experience during the present time? What hope do we have from this passage in the midst of our suffering?
4. Paul speaks of waiting eagerly (verse 19) and waiting patiently (verse 25). How can these two ideas be reconciled?
5. Read Mark 7:31-37. Jesus could have healed the deaf-mute man instantly with a word. Why do you think He took him aside from the crowd and touched the man's ears and tongue?
6. Read Romans 8:26-28. Even in the midst of great hope we still have weaknesses and human limitations. How does the Holy Spirit help us with these? How does this ministry of the Holy Spirit encourage you and give you hope?
7. What is the difference between God working in all things and causing all things for the good of those who love him? How does verse 28 encourage you as you face suffering and the struggle against sin? (See also Philippians 1:6)