

November 8, 2026
Confident Hope in Suffering: Romans Romans 8:18-39
Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Romans Romans 8:18-39 as a group*

1. One pastor and Bible teacher says this of Romans chapter 8: “The greatest book in the world is the Bible; the greatest letter in that book is Romans; and the greatest chapter in that letter is chapter 8” (John Piper). From what you’ve seen in Romans 8:18-39, why do you think Romans 8 gets this sort of appreciation?
2. “We live in a world that desperately needs hope.” In what ways do we need hope in our larger society? Now think about your life personally—in what ways do YOU need hope?
3. Why is hope such an important characteristic to cultivate and nurture?
4. Read Romans 8:18-25 and make a list of at least 3-5 observations about what followers of Jesus are hoping FOR?
5. How can this picture of God’s future for His people motivate your hope today?
6. Read Romans 8:26-39, then answer the following questions about the triune God we’re trusting in.
   - What do we learn about the Holy Spirit in this passage that can strengthen our hope in God? (Look especially at vv. 26-27, also v. 23.)
   - What do we learn about God the Father that can strengthen our hope? (Look especially at vv. 28-32.)
   - What do we learn about Jesus Christ that can strengthen our hope? (Look especially at vv. 35-39.)
7. Summarize what you’ve learned from Romans 8:26-39. How does who we’re hoping IN make a difference?
8. What’s one practical step you can take to apply a truth you learned in Romans 8:18-39?
9. What other questions or comments do you have about what you looked at in the Bible today?
10. **Challenge — Memorize Romans 8:18:** I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.