

**Suggested Discussion Questions for 5/8/2022 Message:
Groaning and Waiting (Romans 8:18-25)**

1. When was a time that you endured a situation that involved groaning or waiting?
2. If present sufferings aren't worth comparing to the glories to be revealed, why do we tend to get caught up in and overwhelmed by them?
3. See if you can find some passages that describe "the glories to be revealed." How does that help you face the suffering and groaning in life?
4. How would you describe the past, present and future of the groaning of creation? Why is each aspect significant?
5. How does the revelation of a new heaven and new earth relate to God's overarching plan of redemption? When you read Rev. 21:1, Isa 65:17 and 66:22-23 and 2 Peter 3:10-13, what stands out to you?
6. Do you agree this passage gives us biblical insight in "earth care" or environmental issues? If so, what do you think it indicates?
7. How do you see groanings in life lifting your eyes to the goal of coming glory?
8. How do you see groaning and waiting inter-relating? How about groaning and hope?
9. What are some ways you have seen the benefit of waiting? How does it fuel our faith?
10. Respond to this statement: "Any believer who does not groan inwardly and wait eagerly for his or her adoption has a shallow understanding of the present condition and future hope God has provided for his children."
11. What would you like to discuss on this passage that hasn't been covered?