

Sunday, November 21, 2021 - "From Groaning to Glory" - Fikre Prince

Key Passages: Romans 8:17-25

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- There is a meaning to success or achievement when we go through a process to get there
- Romans 8:17-25 - There is a caveat to our adoption into God's family and Kingdom → SUFFERING
- Sufferings of the present time
 - Then: financial loss, physical suffering, outcasts
 - Suffering for following Christ
- Suffering → from "God do for me" to "God be with me"
 - Enduring
 - Suffering reminds of eternity
- Glory to be revealed (this is eternal)
 - The glory of the Lord
 - Not our own glory but God in us
 - The sun is what makes the moon special
- Creation groans for its complete restoration
- We know there is something wrong in this world (sin)
 - Division among people
 - We make decisions for our own glory
- The now and the not yet
 - We are adopted/saved through Jesus
 - But we wait for the completion
- God's people groan in hope for our full redemption
- "I have found truly joyful Christians only in the Bible, in the underground church and in prison." - Richard Wurmbrand
- You are not odd because you struggle. You're family. - Fikre Prince
- Pain and suffering should remind us that there is a great physician making all things new
- This present suffering is making way for a future glory

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you experienced suffering as you have followed Christ?
2. How have you made decisions for your own glory instead of for God's glory?
3. How have you noticed creation groaning for its full restoration?
4. How have you felt yourself groaning for God's full redemption?
5. What does it look like for you actually find your hope in God?
6. What has God taught you about himself and following him through suffering?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 1 John 3 Tues: 1 John 4 Wed: 1 John 5 Thurs: 2 John 1 Fri: 3 John 1

Songs from the weekend: [One Thing Remains - Bethel Music] - [You Are My Joy - Will Reagan] - [In Christ Alone - Owl City] - [Goodness of God - Bethel Music] - [I Will Exalt Thee - Hillsong Worship]