

4X8 | SERMON STUDY | WEEK 3: THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE

Romans 8:18-30

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Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

We all face difficulty and hardship, and we all long for it to end. God assures us: what you hope for has been promised, what has been promised will come to pass, and it will come to pass no matter what. The power of this perspective from God should give us peace that transcends all understanding, hope that endures through it all, and unshakeable joy!

Read Romans 8:18-25. We all face difficulty, but perspective has the power to change everything, to give us reason to be filled with hope for what's yet to come. What we hope for has been promised!

- When you consider the extreme hardships of Jesus' disciples and the glory that God has in store for you, how does this shift your perspective for the difficulties you face today?
- In what ways do you feel encouraged when you know that what your heart and soul longs for, what you hope for, has been promised?

Read Romans 8:26-28. The Holy Spirit, working on your behalf, is the proof that God is at work and that what has been promised will come to pass.

- How does it feel to know that even though you might not know what to pray for or what to do, the Holy Spirit is already working on your behalf, praying for and prompting you? How does this increase your confidence in God?
- As you look back on everything you've experienced in your life, are you able to see how the Holy Spirit was at work? In what ways?

Read Romans 8:29-30. For the power of perspective to really take root in your life, you must understand that God's promises for your life are set in stone, and they will come to pass, no matter what.

- So much of the turmoil we experience in our lives is because we think that our future is dependent on us. Name a few ways you feel freedom, knowing that there's nothing you can do to thwart what God has planned for you?
- In spite of horrific circumstances, Jesus' disciples experienced joy. They had the power of perspective. How could you come up a little higher from your circumstances, and see things from God's perspective? What could God be saying to you in your current circumstances?
- Thinking about your circumstances from God's perspective, how does this increase your joy?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week (subscribe at tpcc.org/dailybiblereading!).

Day One: Romans 8:18 | Perspective to gain.

Day Two: Romans 8:19-25 | What we hope for has been promised.

Day Three: 8:26-28 | What has been promised will come to pass.

Day Four: 8:29-30 | It will come to pass, no matter what.

Day Five: 8:18-30 | Perspective that gives hope.