

Romans 8: 26-30

God's Spirit and a Wonderful Story



The Text – Rom 8:26–30

1. What makes you groan? How is a groan both positive and negative? Who or what is groaning in Rom 8:18–25? Are you surprised that God's Spirit groans (8:26)?

2. Read Rom 8:26–27. On the back of this sheet, *draw a picture* of the relationship between the Spirit, the One who searches hearts and minds (perhaps God the Father), our weakness, our hearts, the Spirit's mind. What seems important to you?

3. If the Spirit prays in accordance with the will of God, what might be the content of these prayers?

4. Put Rom 8:28 in your own words. Can you tell a story from your own life to illustrate this?

5. Read Rom 8:29–30. Draw another picture on the back of this sheet, representing the plans God has for your life. What helps you to trust in these plans?

6. If you believed that God had the same plan for all Christians, how would this affect your relationships with Christian brothers and sisters?

The Scriptures – Rom 8:26–30 as a Portion of Scripture

7. What privileges come with living after the coming of the Spirit? See Joel 2:28–32

8. How does the story of Joseph (Gen 37–50) illustrate today's passage. Has there been a moment in your life when you could have said what Joseph says in Gen 50:20?

9. How does the life of Jesus illustrate today's passage?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Rom 8:26–30 as a portion of the Scriptures

10. How would you answer these statements if you heard a friend say them or they were playing around in your head?

- God doesn't really understand me
- I'm not clever enough with words to pray
- My life is one disaster after another