

Victory in Trials

January 23, 2022 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Icebreaker question: Think about a difficult season in your life that had a happy ending. What happened?
2. The sermon looked at how to be prepared to face trials and experience victory. What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
3. Which of the main points do you think you need most in your own life? Why?
4. Read Romans 8:14-17
 - a) What is true of people who are led by God's Spirit?
 - b) What are the benefits of being a child of God?
 - c) How does seeing and experiencing God as a loving Father affect your understanding of what it means to live as a Christian?
5. Read Romans 8:18-25
 - a) What is our suffering not worth comparing to? What does this mean?
 - b) What do we and all of creation have to look forward to?
6. Read Romans 8:26-30
 - a) According to v. 26, who is praying for us?
 - b) What does the Holy Spirit pray in line with?
 - c) According to v. 29, what is God's purpose for us?
 - d) How does this context help inform us of what v. 28 really means?
 - e) How does this give us hope during trials?
7. Read Romans 8:31-39
 - a) What does the sacrifice of God's Son tell us?
 - b) According to v. 34, who else is praying for us?
 - c) What do you think it means to be "more than a conqueror"?
 - d) Who or what can separate us from God's love?
 - e) How can this encourage you when you are going through difficult seasons?
8. Spend some time praying for each other. Pray for encouragement and hope in the midst of trial.