

Sermon Based Small Group - April 19, 2020

Series: Not Alone

Title: Hope in Future Glory

Scripture: Romans 8:18 - 29

Introduction

- What kind of things do you hope for? As you look at the next week? Next month? Next year? Next decade?

Reviewing the Teaching

- What stood out to you in this week's teaching?
- Did anything surprise you during this week's teaching?
- "Of the four action points Sid shared, which is easiest for you to do? Which is the hardest?" Which do you need to focus on this week?
 - We Groan (we acknowledge with creation that this is not the way it was meant to be)
 - We Evaluate (Where are we placing our Hope?)
 - We Rest (We trust ourselves to God and believe that in all things God is working for our Good)
 - We Fight to focus (We ask God to renew our vision and put our focus on him and his timing)
- If you had to summarize the teaching in only two sentences, what would you say?

Digging Deeper

- Do you belong to Christ, by faith in him? If you do not, what is stopping you coming to him as your Lord and Saviour?
- If you are a son of God, what Aspect of your adoption particularly thrills you today?
- What difference will that aspect make to your thoughts, priorities or behaviour today?
- How are you growing in resemblance of Christ? What areas do you need to be more intentional about growth?
- What does Paul say is in store for us as children of God? (Make a list.) b) What assurance does Paul give in the present time that we will come into glory?
- What is causing you to "Groan" at this moment?
- In this time of increased space, what have you been "evaluating"? Are there things other than God you have put your hope in?

- Have you been striving or “Resting” in the past few weeks? In What ways can you rest in the hope you have in Christ? What is holding you back from doing so?
- How will you “Fight to Focus” on the glory you are heading to? How will it transform your life?
- Have you experienced feeling too weak to pray with Word? How does it encourage you that the Spirit intercedes for you?

Application

- How will you live differently this week in light of the teaching?
- Is there one thing you can do this week to start living it out?

Spend time together in prayer