

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, March 19th, 2017

1. Who are the weighty people in your life? How might society define weighty people?
2. What strategies do we use to take glory for ourselves?
 - How might earthly strategies to receive glory differ from the way God gives glory?
 - How do you respond when you feel you don't receive the glory you deserve?
3. What are other biblical examples where God gives glory to unexpected people? *Joseph (Genesis 37 and following chapters)-- multiple times throughout his life found himself in places where his family hated him, he remained faithful, but found himself exalted to positions of glory.*
4. Rich talked about Jesus' model of listening, surrendering, and obeying. What does it look like to listen in prayer? When have you heard God's answer in your life and how did you respond?
5. Where is an area in your life you've heard God's prompting but are struggling to surrender and obey in your life?
6. Rich showed a picture of a scale and discussed God's glory as the big rock on one side of the scale, what are we tempted to put on the other side of the scale?
7. Have you felt like you don't matter? What does God say about this? (Romans 8:18-30).
 - How can knowing that we matter to God change our perspective?
8. Pray through Romans 8:18-30 as you wrap up small group.

Romans 8:18-30: Present Suffering and Future Glory

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[b] for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

