

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of April 29th
Sermon Titled: "Pregnant with Hope"

Open in Prayer. Read Romans 8:22-25.

As you begin, ask the group: How would you summarize the main points of the sermon? What stood out to you about the sermon? What questions did you have? What challenged you?

Note for the discussion and application questions: choose a couple of the questions below to discuss and go deeper with the sermon together.

Application & Discussion Questions

1. It is common to want to tune out, numb out and check out from hearing the painful groans all around us—even those generated in the deepest chambers of *our* souls.
 - a. How does the church ignore groans?
 - b. What kinds of groans are we tempted to tune out? Why do you think that is?
2. As God's people, we are to groan with expectation and hope. We all groan. Consider last week: What did you groan about?
 - a. Out of those examples, was your groaning of the Spirit or a groaning of the flesh over the wrong things?
3. One author wrote, "Honest lament is the soil in which our pain and struggles can sprout new life." Discuss this quote together. Why is this true?
4. Share examples when you saw someone express Godly groaning over a circumstance that was honest and yet full of hope.
5. What are concrete examples of God at work through His church today that gives you hope?

Prayer Focus: Pray for unity within our churches to be on display in such a significant way that the unbelieving world notices His love in action through us. Pray that Jesus would help us to find more satisfaction in our union with Him than in being in control. Pray that our groans would become less about our wanting relief and more about wanting changed hearts. May He take us into deeper intimacy with Him through the powerful work of the gospel.