

For the week of May 10, 2020
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Groaning For Glory

Third week in the series: Bound For Glory

Romans 8:18-27

In Romans 8:18-27, we hear three groans: the groans of God's creation, the groans of God's people, and the groans of God's Spirit. Nevertheless, the groans are hopeful. Therefore, we can and should groan, but we also can and should groan hopefully.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that creation is waiting for the sons of God to be completed, for the church to be the church, for you to be you?
2. How is your anticipation of the so-called afterlife affected by the biblical notion that it features an enhanced earth?
3. Describe your experience of groaning because of our sorry (fallen) but hopeful (to be redeemed) condition.
4. What does it mean to you that the Spirit intercedes for us with "groaning too deep for words," uniting our pain with the purposes of God?
5. If you can "hear the groans" of creation and your fellow humans, so to speak, how do you think the Spirit may be leading you to respond?