

A person with long brown hair, wearing a teal hooded coat with a fur-lined hood, stands with their back to the camera in a forest. The forest floor is covered in green grass and fallen leaves. Tall, thin trees are visible in the background. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

EMPOWERED

and

SECURE

A Study Of Romans 8

LESSON 7

**What Is Happening
To Our World?**

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 8

“Hope is the measure of true Christianity, which is through and through other - worldly. Popular Christianity is entirely this-worldly and is not interested in the other world. But true Christianity has its eye mainly on the world which is to come.”

D. M. Lloyd-Jones

Day 1

Read Romans 8:22-25 and answer:

1. How does verse 22 describe what all of creation has been doing up until even today? What do you think that verse means?

2. Considering the end product of the “groaning of the pains of childbirth,” what is the significance of the wording of that verse? What is the end product for all of nature? How can or does that encourage you as you go through the difficulties of living in this imperfect world?

Day 2

3. What causes you to groan at the moment? What are some practical attitudes or actions you can take to keep your focus in the right place?

4. According to verse 23, what are those who have “the first fruits of the Spirit” (the indwelling of the Holy Spirit because of Jesus), eagerly waiting for?

5. What do you think “redemption of our bodies” means? See 1 John 3:2. Describe what Jesus was like after the resurrection. See John 20:19-22.

Day 3

6. Read Romans 7:21-24 and describe the constant turmoil that we experience while “housed” in these bodies. According to Ephesians 1:19-20, how can we be encouraged while we wait for the “redemption of our bodies”?

7. Knowing what we look forward to, how will it transform your view of your life?

Day 4

8. Read verse Romans 8:25 and summarize. According to this passage, what is the “hope” that we are waiting for? See Romans 5:3-5. According to Hebrews 6:19, what is the object of our hope? Why?

9. According to verses Romans 8:23 and 25, how are we to wait? What does that practically look like in our lives?

Day 5

10. What new truth did you learn regarding who God is and what He desires to do in your life?

11. How has what you have studied this week helped you to feel more *Empowered and Secure*?

OPTIONAL:

In our world of hopelessness, pain and suffering, we have been learning in this passage, that we as Christians, have glorious hope. Read the following verses and describe what or why we have hope: Romans 5:2; Galatians 5:5; Ephesians 1:18; Colossians 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; and 1 Peter 1:13.
