

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Fourteen: Romans 8:18–27

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1. a) What does verse 18 say about our present sufferings? See also 2 Corinthians 4:17.

b) Based upon what these verses say, what present suffering of yours doesn't seem as overwhelming?
2. What do you think "***the glory that will be revealed in us***" spoken of in verse 18 is? See Romans 8:29-30; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 1:27; and Hebrews 1:3 to help you with your answer.
3. a) According to verses 18–27, what is groaning in this world?

b) How is each groaning different from the other?
4. Verse 20 states that creation was unwillingly subjected to futility. Name ways you can see this "frustration" today.
5. According to verses 23–25, what do believers groan for?
6. What is true hope according to verses 24–25?

Name a situation from your present life where you need this kind of hope.
7. What great help is promised us in our weakness in verse 26?

Explain verse 26 in relation to a problem in your own life.
8. According to v. 27, is this type of intercession from the Spirit available for all mankind? Why or why not?

Going deeper:

9. a) Who searches our hearts according to verse 27?

b) What fact about the Spirit's interceding for us is different from our own interceding?

c) Do you ask the Holy Spirit to pray for you? Why or why not?

10. Verse 23 states that we await our "***adoption as sons.***" Based upon the rights of adoption in our culture, what does this tell you about our relationship with God?

Write out and memorize:

Romans 8:26