

Dear Church,

Community Group Discussion Guide
Incomparable Hope
Romans 8:18-39



1. "We live in a world that desperately needs hope." In what ways do we need hope in our larger society? Now think about your life personally - in what ways do YOU need hope?
2. Why is hope such an important characteristic to cultivate and nurture?
3. Read Romans 8:18-25. How does this passage give us a picture of what followers of Jesus are hoping FOR? (List as many observations as you can find.)
4. How can this picture of the God's future for His people motivate your hope today?
5. Read Romans 8:26-39, then answer the following questions about the triune God we're trusting in.
 - What do we learn about the Holy Spirit in this passage that can strengthen our hope in God? (Look especially at vv. 26-27, also v. 23.)
 - What do we learn about God the Father that can strengthen our hope? (Look especially at vv. 28-32.)
 - What do we learn about Jesus Christ that can strengthen our hope? (Look especially at vv. 35-39.)
6. Summarize what you've learned from Romans 8:26-39. How does who we're hoping IN make a difference?
7. Three "take-aways" from this passage are mentioned below. For each, explain what practically applying this take-away can look like in your life. Also discuss ways your Community Group can maintain a focus on each of these things.
 - Trust God.
 - Wait patiently.
 - Show hope.
8. Challenge: Memorize this portion of Romans 8:31-32 - "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"



This week's reading
(Mon, Oct 17 - Sun, Oct 23)

MON - Romans 1 & Psalm 146

TUES - Romans 2 & Psalm 147

WED - Romans 3-4 & Psalm 148

THURS - Romans 5 & Psalm 149

FRI - Romans 6 & Psalm 150

SAT - Romans 7-8

SUN - Romans 9-11