

## <u>Sermon Discussion Guide – The Glory and The Groan</u>

Romans 8:16-31

- 1. Why do we desire maturity without pain, patience without irritation? Why are these things necessary as we await future glory?
- 2. Why is creation groaning? When did this groaning begin (see Genesis 3:17-19)? How do we see the effects even today?
- 3. According to Matthew 24:4-8, why do we not need to be alarmed? What should we do instead (see Matthew 25:1-13)?
- 4. Why do we, as children of God, groan? What does it mean to be waiting eagerly and patiently for the fullness of adoption and redemption (Romans 8:23-25)? What are we to do as we wait?
- 5. Pastor Tim shared that our groaning is not for an exit, but rather for an entrance. What does this mean? Why is this distinction significant?
- 6. Why is our Great Comforter, the Holy Spirit, groaning? How does this fact bring you comfort?
- 7. Has there been a time in your life when you didn't know how to pray? What did you do? What did God do?
- 8. How does God's word in Romans 8 encourage you in this present season?