

Discussion Guide for Colossians 1:15-20 Part 4

1. Read Colossians 1:15-20 and briefly review the sermon outline.

(Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

2. Truth: Things in this world are not as they should be. We feel it and we groan. Actually, the whole creation has been groaning since Adam introduced sin and corruption into the world. The good news is that King Jesus promises to turn the world's groaning into glory, starting with us.

Read Roman 8:14-17

-As we walk by the Spirit, what does He do in our hearts?

-What does 8:17 tell us about our present experience?

-What does 8:17 promise about our future?

Read Roman 8:18-22

-What do these verses tell us about the current creation?

-How do we see the creation corrupted and groaning?

-How is the creation's future connected to the future of Christians?

Read Roman 8:23-25

-What do these verses tell us about our current human condition?

-How do we see people and ourselves corrupted and groaning?

-What is the hopeful promise for our future?

-8:24 says "in this hope we were saved". How do these verses fill out our understanding of our salvation?

-In what ways are hope and patience essential as we wait?