

• We don't just avoid being sinful, we also have to \_\_\_\_\_\_

## Being under the influence of the Spirit shows that we \_\_\_\_\_\_

For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. Romans 8:14

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)

#### Myths we believe about Romans 8:28:

Myth 1: If we live well, we can \_\_\_\_\_\_ suffering.

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. Romans 8:18 (NLT)

And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. Romans 8:23 (NLT)

...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. John 16:33 (NLT)

... <u>all creation</u> was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope. Romans 8:20

- Myth 2: Suffering always points to some \_\_\_\_\_ in our life.
- Before you made me suffer, I used to wander off, but now I hold on to your word. Ps 119:67 (GWT)

Distress that drives us to God does that. It turns us around. It gets us back in the way of salvation. 2 Corinthians 7:10 (MSG)

• Myth 3: We will always be able to find the \_\_\_\_\_\_ behind our dark clouds.

But we are hoping for something we do not have yet, and we are waiting for it patiently. Romans 8:25

#### Hope God gives us in suffering:

God is using all things to make me \_\_\_\_\_

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those <u>who love God and are called</u> <u>according to his purpose for them</u>. Romans 8:28 (NLT)

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son... Romans 8:29 (NLT)

• Your story ends with a \_\_\_\_\_ body.

We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. Romans 8:23

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

#### In the meantime, the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_\_

26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. Romans 8:26-27

What God started, he's going to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers. 30 And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us "not guilty," filled us with Christ's goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory. Romans 8:29-30



# TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE In a growing relationship with Jesus.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What scripture do you hold onto in times of difficulty or suffering?
- What is the goal of the Holy Spirit in you? (Hint: shaping you into someone)
- What myth are you prone to believe about Romans 8:28? Why do you think people believe these myths?
- Typically, do you have hope in times of suffering? (Does your hope in God provide a greater faith in God?)
- What does it mean that God is using all things to make you more like Jesus?
- What is the hope of one day having the a regenerated (glorified) body like Jesus'?
- How does the Holy Spirit praying for you give you hope?
- How does knowing that God will finish what He has started in us give us hope?

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