



Romans 8:17-39 | Week 10 | 4/6/2014

1. Verse 17b raises a question that Paul addresses in verse 18. What is Paul's conclusion?
2. What is creation waiting for, and why? (vv. 19-22)
3. What are Christians waiting for, and how are we to wait for it? (vv. 23-25)
4. How can we encourage one another to wait with patient endurance??
5. Read Keller's quote: "If you can't dance and you long to dance, in the resurrection you'll dance perfectly. If you're lonely, in the resurrection you will have perfect love. If you're empty, in the resurrection you will be fully satisfied. Ordinary life is what's going to be redeemed. There is nothing better than ordinary life, except that it's always going away and always falling apart. Ordinary life is food and work and chairs by the fire and hugs and dancing and mountains—this world. God loves it so much that he gave his only Son so we—and the rest of this ordinary world—could be redeemed and made perfect. And that's what is in store for us." - Tim Keller, Kings Cross
6. How does the quote help you?
7. What encouragement do these verses provide: 1 Corinthians 15:52-53; Revelations 21:1-5?
8. What is the future glory?
9. Compare the future glory to present sufferings. Encourage one another with our hope in light of the groups sufferings. Ask, what you are sufferings and how can we help you to see the future glory and wait patiently for it.
10. What does the Spirit do, and how does he do it? (vv. 26, 27)
11. Why is it hard to trust that God is working "all things" for good? (v. 28)
12. What are the five stages by which God fulfills his great purpose in Christians? (vv. 28-31)
13. What is God's great aim? (v. 29)
14. How do we know that we can live at peace with God our Father? (vv. 31-34)
15. What is Paul's main point in verses 35-39?
16. Pray.

