



Week of June 13, 2021

Discussion Questions:

1. If you had Dorothy's slippers, where would you escape to? Where is your dream getaway? "There's no place like _____?"
2. Describe a time or place where you felt like you saw a small glimpse of paradise.
3. Romans 8:18 says, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." The apostle Paul believed this and he endured an incredible amount of suffering. What suffering do you wish you could escape from?
4. In Romans 8:24, the apostle Paul reminds us that hope is only hope if it is in something unseen—that hope in something seen is not really hope at all. When have you placed your "hope" in something or someone seen (i.e., a relationship, a child, a job)? How did that turn out for you?
5. Is it easy or difficult for you to have hope in something you can't see? Why do you think that is the case?
6. Revelation 21:4 says, "God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed

away.” If we could remember this verse daily, how would it change our mindsets and lives moving forward?

Moving Forward

Remember that we have hope not in what is seen, but in what is unseen and awaiting us in heaven.

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Revelation 21:4

[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

John 14:2-6

“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.