

## **Sermon Discussion Guide for 11.8.20 – Romans 8:18-38**

**Warming up to God:** Why is it difficult to feel like a glorious conqueror?

### **Read Romans 8:18-39**

#### **Discovering the Word:**

1. What words are vivid images in these verses underscore the difficulties of the present time?
2. Explain why these difficulties don't compare with the glory that will be revealed in us (vv.18-25).
3. How can the Spirit's help encourage us (vv.26-27)?
4. In verse 28 Paul speaks of "the good" and "his purpose." What is God's purpose for us (v.29)?
5. How might trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or threat of death cause us to question God's love for us (vv.35.36)?
6. In spite of these things, why does Paul proclaim that we are "more than conquerors" (vv.37-39)?

#### **Applying the Word:**

1. How can eager expectation of glory help us cope with our present problems and sufferings?
2. Look again at the powerful words of verses 38-39. How does this give you courage to persevere?

**Responding in prayer:** Ask God to make you ready for his future glory.

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