Small Group Discipleship Guide

LEGACY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

November 1st: Rom 8:18-30 – Suffering & Hope

CONNECT

A few minutes of care, celebration, and prayer.

1. How have you seen God at work this week?
2. What is one celebration and one challenge that we can pray about today? *(pray now)*

REFLECT

Look back on how God worked through last week's commitments.

3. Last week, each of us committed to take one step of obedience. How did it go?
4. Who were you able to encourage, serve, invite, or share with?

DISCUSS

Read the primary Scripture together: Romans 8:18-30

5. Think about a time when life turned out differently than you expected. How did the gap between your expectations and your reality affect your relationship with God?
6. Paul compares suffering and hope to the pains of childbirth (Romans 8:22). What does this illustration teach us?
7. How is biblical hope different from simply staying positive?
8. Read Revelation 21:1-5. What aspects of our promised future stand out to you?

9. Romans 8:26 says the Spirit helps us when we don't know what to pray. How is this encouraging for you?
10. Romans 8:28 is often quoted to people going through difficult circumstances. Why is it important to distinguish between God working for our good and everything that happens to us being good?
11. Dave said, "Let your pain drive you toward God, not away from Him." What is one specific way you could practice expectant hope this week, or help someone else experience it?

RESPOND

Write these commitments down.

12. **Follow Jesus**: What is one step of obedience God is asking you to take this week?
13. **Grow in Community**: How can this group pray for you, encourage you, or hold you accountable as you take that step.
14. **Go on Mission**: Who is one person God is placing on your heart to encourage, serve, invite, or share Jesus with this week?
