







## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	<b>12-09-2021</b>	<b>Hope</b>
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ What happened to all the rainbows of hope?! In what sense did they inspire hope?</li> </ul>	
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ When was the last time you were waiting for something good?</li> <li>□ What tips would you give to someone who is having to wait?</li> </ul>	
 Read	Romans 8:18-25	 Listen again <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a> <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a>
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ How would you explain the way hope and waiting are connected?</li> <li>□ Why is waiting often challenging? Can you think of a time in your life when waiting felt especially hard? What sustained you?</li> <li>□ Which Biblical stories do you know of where people have waited? Consider: what? Why? How?</li> <li>□ How does a promise from God shape or change our waiting experiences?</li> <li>□ Spend a moment reflecting on Biblical promises (you could use a concordance, your memory or look up online, eg. <a href="https://www.compassionuk.org/blogs/gods-promises/">https://www.compassionuk.org/blogs/gods-promises/</a> ). Which ones carry special meaning for you? Can you share a time when you have felt God has promised something particular for you or someone you know? How did waiting for this to be fulfilled feel?</li> <li>□ V. 18: What is Paul's view of suffering and glory? How did he hold on to hope through the pain of his suffering. In what way is Paul following Jesus' example of enduring pain? What was Christ looking forward to?</li> <li>□ V.20-21: If Christ's death and resurrection broke God's curse on creation, why do we live in a world where there is still suffering? Why are we waiting?</li> <li>□ V..23: What is The Promise that all Christians are waiting and hoping for?</li> <li>□ V.25: what synonyms can you think of for patience? What empowers us as Christians to wait patiently?</li> </ul>	
 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Read Psalm 27. Can you identify past, present and future in this psalm? How do these work together to inspire hope for David?</li> <li>□ What are you currently waiting and hoping for? How can your past experiences of God's faithfulness inspire a confident hope for you?</li> </ul>	

 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart?</li> </ul>
 Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Write your own psalm based on Psalm 27's structure of the past, present and future faithfulness of God to help you to hope confidently.</li> </ul>
 Pray	<p><i>Father God, thank you that in my waiting you are _____ . Thank you for your promise of _____ . I ask that you help me to _____ . Help me to bring hope to _____ . Amen.</i></p>
 My questions:	

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