

FROM GROANS TO GLORY

7 ARROWS

CENTRAL TRUTH

The suffering and hardship of this life will not have the final word—God’s people have the hope of resurrection life and the renewal of all things. We, along with the entire creation, eagerly wait for this! In this week’s passage, we will learn that **we have a future glory that gives us hope during present suffering.**

KEY QUESTION

→ **How can the promise of verse 28 give you encouragement today?**

This promise teaches us that God sovereignly orchestrates all things, using both the good and bad for the believer’s ultimate good. And as the following verse teaches, this ultimate good is being shaped into the image of Jesus. Nothing we go through is wasted; the Lord uses everything to transform us and mold us into people who reflect Jesus’s character.

KEEP IN MIND

- For many students, prayer may feel intimidating. Encourage them with the truth that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in moments of weakness, even when we struggle to pray. God knows our hearts and knows the desires of the Holy Spirit as He prays for us.
- While Romans 8:28 is potentially one of the most well-known verses in the Bible, students may feel tempted to define the word “good” by their own terms. Show them that this verse neither suggests that the bad things in our lives are good in and of themselves, nor is the “good” primarily focused on great outcomes in this life. Verse 28 mustn’t be divorced from verses 29 and 30.

APPLICATION

- How has God used different circumstances to make us look more like Jesus? Take time to share among your group.**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Our present suffering doesn’t have the final word. We can find security in God’s unshakable love for us while also knowing that He uses everything to shape us into the image of Jesus.

FOR THE LEADER: This week’s passage ought to be an encouragement to those students who are weary and suffering. Allow your group to be a safe place where students can be honest about their hurts as you remind them about God’s love and our victory in Christ.



What does this passage say?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



What does this passage tell us about the human heart?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?



What does this passage demand of me?