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PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 6.4: SUFFERING

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 8:18-25

SUMMARY:

Everybody suffers. All of us—it's just part of what it means to be alive on a fallen, sin-drenched planet. Christians don't get some sort of get-out-of-suffering-free card. Paul describes in this week's passage the suffering of being disconnected. The bottom line is this: We're not home yet. When we get home, all of the suffering will end. Until then, we will keep waiting. There is hope in

our suffering. Disciples of Jesus should not be surprised when suffering comes, but we shouldn't waste it either. We can use those hard moments as another opportunity to move closer to God and see how He will demonstrate His love for us today.

CORE VERSE

Romans 8:18

CORE CONCEPTS

Suffering is temporary. Glory is eternal.

GLORY:

The state of being perfected in our bodies, minds, hearts, and purpose; free from pain and full of endless joy; honored, and esteemed for our high position

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- Since everyone handles things differently, what is your natural response to suffering?
- What encourages you most when you are suffering?
- How do you think you'll feel when you enter the glorious presence of Jesus in heaven?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?