

Verse By Verse Week 4: Eternal Perspective

Main Idea:

In this week's message, Duane emphasizes the importance of shaping our daily lives with the perspective of eternity. He reflects on the reality of eternity and the hope that comes from knowing Jesus. By focusing on Romans 8:18-25, the sermon compares present suffering with future glory, highlighting the temporary nature of our struggles. Living with an eternal perspective influences our choices, relationships, and priorities, reminding us to hold on to hope and anticipate the future glory that awaits believers.

Starter:

If you could spend an evening cooking and dining with any fictional character, who would be your ideal guest, and what dish would you prepare together?

Scripture:

- Read Romans 8:18-25 together, slowly. Pause and allow time for everyone to reflect on the passage and share anything that stood out to them.

Discussion:

- Duane talked about how communion is a way for believers to remember the sacrifice of Jesus and reaffirm our hope in God's eternal promises.
 - Why is it important to participate in communion, and how does it impact your personal relationship with God and your faith community?
- Duane discussed how Romans 8:18-25 teaches us that our present sufferings are temporary and cannot compare to the future glory that awaits believers.
 - In your own life, how can focusing on eternity help you cope with current struggles or challenges?
 - How can we practically apply an eternal perspective to our daily lives? What specific changes can you make in your life to prioritize eternal values over temporary ones?
 - What are some examples of things that have eternal value?

Application:

- Take communion together.
 - Take a moment and allow the group a chance to reflect together by having everyone answer one of these three questions before taking the elements:
 - What is something that you're grateful for?

- What's one way that you've seen God show up in your life over the last week?
- When was one time in your life that you knew for a fact that God was real?

For more information and instruction on how to take communion at home, follow this link for our guide on how to take communion at home: <https://gethope.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Celebrating-Communion-at-home.pdf> (Or scan the QR code at the bottom of the page)

- Close out with a time of prayer.



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