

Adult Bible Discovery- July 19, 2020

For Starters:

What do you think about these three statements:

To make light of the sufferings of others makes one insufferable.

To make more of one's own suffering that the fact bear makes one unbearable.

To invent sufferings so as to make other suffer makes one intolerable.

Read Romans 8:1-18

Paul begins chapter 8 by recognizing that Christians will struggle with sin and that we are to struggle against sin.

- *How do you struggle against sin?*
- *What are the weapons in your struggle?*

Paul shifts focus from struggling to suffering. How might these two things go hand in hand? How do they differ?

- *How significant is it that God knows about human suffering?*
- *How did God come to know human suffering in a most intimate way?*

The author of this text says that our sufferings are insignificant when compared to the glory that awaits us. How does 2 Cor. 11:21-33 show that Paul experienced sufferings and hardship?

- *What does Jesus (as recorded in Matt. 11:28) suggest we do with our sufferings?*
- *What does this mean to you?*
- *What has Paul already asserted (chapter 5:1-5) that sufferings do in our lives?*
- *Have you found that to be true?*
- *What does John have to say about glory surpassing suffering in Rev. 21:4ff*
- *How do you experience the reality and privilege of being God's child? 8:15-17*