

## Getting Started

1. When was the last time you have explored a new place?
2. Have you ever come across a place unexpectedly that you now really enjoy?
3. Do you find yourself focused more on details or are you more of a big picture person?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 32:

#### **Q. But why are you called a Christian?**

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ<sup>1</sup> and so I share in his anointing.<sup>2</sup> I am anointed to confess his name,<sup>3</sup> to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,<sup>4</sup> to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life,<sup>5</sup> and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 12:12-27 <sup>2</sup> Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28); 1 John 2:27 <sup>3</sup> Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10; Heb. 13:15 <sup>4</sup> Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9 <sup>5</sup> Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 6:11; 1 Tim. 1:18-19 <sup>6</sup> Matt. 25:34; 2 Tim. 2:12

What does it mean that we will reign with Christ?

6. Read Galatians 4:1-7 and Romans 8:2-17. What are the parallels between these two passages? What are they trying to teach?
7. Read Isaiah 11:1-9. If this is a picture of what the world will be like when Christ returns, what is keeping this from happening right now?
8. We read a bit of what the Holy Spirit does for us in Romans 8; Jesus tells us more of the benefits of the Holy Spirit in John 14:15-31. Why is the Holy Spirit given to us?

## Application

9. At times we may feel alone in our affliction and suffering. We may wonder where God is at or if we are the only ones who have ever gone through these tough times. God is absolutely with us and promises us that one day we will receive our full inheritance: eternal life in Jesus Christ. Until that day, know that you have the Holy Spirit with you, God is with you. Your salvation is a gift from God that cannot be taken away. Trust in the Lord and rest assured.

## Praying Scripture

### Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
3 The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad.  
4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like streams in the Negeb!  
5 Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
6 He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

## Ross Community Reformed Church

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### The Gospel: Class is in Session

#### "Blessed Assurance"

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:29&30

- **True Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ of God; they are \_\_\_\_\_ of his kingdom.**
- **Being a \_\_\_\_\_ of God does not mean we will not be \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Though we may \_\_\_\_\_, our connection to God cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.**

Topics: Suffering, perseverance, heirs