**Sunday: Getting Started**

1. What stands out to you from the above and why? How did you interpret the John Eldredge clip?

**Monday: Revelation of Glory (To us, In us, About us, For us)**

         2. Share one thing that stood out to you from the 2nd half of Paige's lecture.

3. Read Romans 8:18-21

A. What does Paul consider in verse 18? How has this perspective, if it has, helped you to suffer well? Be specific if possible.

                 B. What insight does 1 Corinthians 15:42 tell us about our new selves?

C. Paige told a story about going out to lunch with a beautiful model -- do you remember it and her point?

Paige said that God is making His new creation "fit" for His transformed children. She quoted J. B. Phillips paraphase of verse 19, which is:

*The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the sons of God coming into their own.*

D. What thoughts do you have on verse 19, from the above paraphrase or your own translation?

E. Who subjected all of creation to futility, and why, according to verses 20-21?

F. Hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, storms -- all are examples of God subjecting His creation to frustration. How has this specifically affected you -- was your heart made harder or were you refined? Specific examples please!

4. How can you see God subjecting the creation to frustration in the blowing of the first four trumpets? (See Revelation 8:6-13)

**Tuesday: Relationship between Suffering and Glorification**

\*5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:14-18

A. How do these verses echo the call to hope?

B. How is it encouraged by comparion (v. 17)? Of sight? Of length of time? Or weightiness?

C. How are we to regard our lives in the present? (See both 2 Corin. 4:7 and 4:17)

D. Meditate on the word incomparable in verse 17 (or "beyond all comparison") What point is being made?

\*6. Continue reading in 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

A. What causes the groaning in this passage? Is it a lack of faith? An abandonment by God?

B. Is our groaning caused by our frustration with the present and a heart fixed on God or by our fixation on the present and frustration with God? (Where is Joni's heart fixed according to Paige's illustration?)

**Wednesday: Groaning *Because*of Expectation**

7. Paige contrasted grumbling and murmuring with groaning. What is the difference? Why are the first two sin and the last actually positive? How might you apply this?

8. Read Romans 8:22-28

A. Who is groaning and why according to verses 22-25?

B. Paige's brother is an obstetrician and she told a story of a woman in a hard labor and the name she gave to her baby. She talked about suffering and glorification being inseparable. How do you see this in this story? In your life?

\*C. Why is Romans 8:26-27 an encouragement and not a discouragement to pray? Does prayer require our strength? Our wisdom? Our insight? Certain words? Can our imperfect hurt others or ourselves? How do these verses fan our hope into flame?

**Thursday: New Heaven, New Earth, New Us!**

\*9. God will transform this earth into a new earth FOR US. What will it be like? Share any passages you know. Consider Isaiah 11:6-9 in the Old Testament and Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-5 in the New. And then brainstorm. What are you most excited about? Remember that we cannot imagine MORE than He has for us (1 Cor. 2:9).

\*10. Read John 14:1-4. Again, He is preparing a place FOR US. What is its purpose? What is the center of our eternal joy in that place (v.3b)?

\*11. And what will WE be like? Or rather WHOM will we be like? See John 17:22-26, Colossians 3:1-4, 1 John 3:1-2. Further reflect on 1 Corinthians 15:42-55 for your own encouragement and HOPE.

12. Read the last two chapters of C. S. Lewis' "The Last Battle." Here are some quotes -- let them fuel your imagination. Do you resonate with them? If so, how?

A. The term is over. The holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning.

B. That was not the real Narnia. That had a beginning and end. It was only a shadow or a copy of the real Narnia which has always been here and always will be here.

C. It reminds me of somewhere but I can't give it a name. Could it be somewhere we once stayed for a holiday when we were very, very small?

D. Have you noticed one can't feel afraid, even if one wants to? Try it.

E. The current was racing away behind you, but you were such a wonderful swimmer that you could make headway against it.

F. I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now...Come further up, come further in!

G. Share a quote you love.

H. Revelation students -- what parallels did you see?

**Friday:**

13. What is your take-a-way and why?