**Lesson 2: Dealing with Diseases**

Romans 8:18-27

1.) Describe what you think Paul meant by the phrase “sufferings of this present time” in

v. 18. Should that include suffering in relation to illness or physical disability?

2.) To what does Paul compare the sufferings of this present time? (v. 18)

3.) Why should the “glory which will be revealed in us” be a particular encouragement to

someone whose body has been injured by disease?

4.) What does Paul say the entire creation is waiting for at the present time? (v. 19)

5.) Thinking of yourself as part of creation, what will you be delivered from one day?

(v. 21) What does that mean in terms of illness? (Revelation 21:4-5)

6.) In what way is physical illness part of the “groans and labors” of creation? (v. 22)

7.) Why do you think Paul put an emphasis in his writing on the “redemption of our body”

as opposed to the soul of spirit? (v. 23; see also 1 Corinthians 15:50-54)

8.) In what way(s) does the human body reflect the glory of God? How will the redemption of

our body one day reflect glory to God?

9.) How is the resurrection of Jesus’ bruised body a source of hope for those who lose their

battle with illness in this life? (Romans 6:5)

10.) How does the word “perseverance” (v. 25) apply to the process of resolving a physical

problem? What gives us perseverance when we are ill?

11.) How does the Holy Spirit aid us during times of suffering when things can be confusing?

(vv. 26-27)