



Life Group Study Questions Romans 5:1-11

1. Read Romans 5:1-11 together. As you think about this weekend's sermon, what stood out to you? What questions come to mind based on the passage? Was there anything unclear or confusing?
2. In verses 1-5 Paul is talking about the benefits of justification by faith. As you read the verses list all of the benefits that Paul talks about. Which one of the benefits impacts you the most? Is hardest for you to accept?
3. Verse 1 says we have peace *with* God. How is having peace *with* God different than simply experiencing a feeling of peace? Why is it important to remember that this peace is an objective reality, not simply a subjective feeling?
4. Paul says in verse 2 we have access into this grace in which we stand. What does the imagery of "standing in grace" imply about our security and daily relationship with God?
5. Paul talks about rejoicing even in our trials. Look at the chain reaction: suffering -> endurance -> character -> hope. Have you seen this progression play out in your own life? Do you think its possible to skip straight to "hope" without first going through endurance and character? Why or why not?
6. Have you ever wondered how you can know that God actually loves you? In verses 6-8 what does Paul say that proves God loves us? How does Christ dying for us while we were actively rebelling against him redefine the way the world understands love?
7. Pray for one another regarding current trials some of you might be going through. Ask the Holy Spirit to tangibly pour out God's love in your hearts so you can have peace in the midst of trials.