



Read Romans 15:1-21

1. Paul reiterates from an earlier passage in Romans (5:2-5) to remind us of the hope we have that is a result of suffering. Looking back on your life, when has God taught you about the process of character growth that leads to hope? How has this process cemented your hope in the Lord today?
2. We are called to turn to scripture as a way to stoke hope. What are passages that have bolstered and encouraged your hope?
3. The context of Romans 15 is a charge to the Church to minister to one another; to help one another. How do we practically encourage one another? Where/how can we increase in bearing one another's burdens?
4. Where are we tempted to place our hope outside of Christ? How do we rebuke our hearts for idolizing any other hope than Christ?
5. Why was there no hope while we were in sin? How has hope come by the Gospel?
6. Tyler mentioned that one of the greatest temptations that we face during trials is to look to our own strength to endure that challenge. How do we avoid this pitfall? What are warning signs that we are trusting in our own strength, and not in the Lord?
7. How is cynicism directly opposed to hope? What does cynicism tell us about our view of God? Our view of one another? What is our proper response to a cynical heart?
8. Why is it so essential to be reminded of the Gospel continuously? How does meditation on the Gospel increase humility and hope?