

Connect Group Guide: “From Suffering To Hope | Romans 5”

Passage: Romans 5:1-11

Sermon Link: [▶ From Suffering To Hope | Romans 5](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Please share about a trial that you experienced which changed you for the better.
- Where do you find joy?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [▶ New Wine - Hillsong Worship](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- How do you think suffering and trials shape a person?
- What does it mean to have unshakeable hope?
- Do you view trials as a blessing or a curse? Why?

Read: Romans 5:1-11

- Why is it important to understand that God’s immovable grace depends on Him and not our good works?
- Why does Paul call us to rejoice *in* our sufferings?
- What should our joy be rooted in if not our circumstances?
- Is it necessary to develop perseverance and character in us? Why?
- Paul says that suffering ultimately leads to true hope. Why is hope so important?

- Living with joy and hope in times of suffering seems contradictory - why is it possible for us to rejoice in suffering and have hope?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- In what way is God calling you to change your perspective on the struggles you face?
- In what areas of your life are you experiencing trials? How is God calling you to rejoice in the midst of these trials?
- Our hope should be rooted in Christ alone. How can you live this out practically?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray for one another that we will stand firm and rejoice in times of trials and suffering. That God will use those situations to not only develop perseverance and character within us, but also true hope. A hope that is rooted in the One that never changes and always loves us - a hope in our Father in heaven.

