



BIG IDEA

“Paul’s words to the believers in Rome in our verse this week are just as important for us to embrace today as we strive to live life as a Christ-Follower. In knowing him, we can rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer. In doing these things, we will find ourselves facing each situation with a confident hope no matter our circumstances as well as growing closer to God through our continual conversation and prayers.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. How have you seen God at work in your life or the life of others?

Read: Romans 12:12, 15:13, Philippians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 1 John 3:1

3. Why is perspective important? In what ways does our perspective differ from Paul’s original audience?
4. What is the hope we are to rejoice in? Why should it sustain us? What impact can it make on those around us?

Read: Romans 12:12, 2 Peter 3:9, Acts 4:29-31

5. What did we learn from the definition of biblical patience and tribulation?
6. In what ways do you view patience and tribulation differently now? What did we learn about the patience of God? How did the disciples face persecution and tribulation? What can we learn from both examples?

Read: Romans 12:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 4:8a

7. How is your prayer life? What did Paul mean when he said to be constant in prayer?
8. How often would you pray if you did so every time you picked up your phone? How is prayer like a relationship? Are you going to accept the 21/90 prayer challenge?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. How have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this week?
3. Do you have a life verse? Take some time and find one.
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: This week, take time to pray that you will live out our theme verse. Living a life that rejoices in hope, is patient in tribulation, and is constant in prayer.

Read: Romans 12:12, 15:13, Philippians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 1 John 3:1, 2 Peter 3:9, Acts 4:29-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 4:8a. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Romans 12:12, 15:13, Philippians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 1 John 3:1, 2 Peter 3:9, Acts 4:29-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 4:8a)

Love: Share this message of hope with someone you love.