



REFLECT

1. Begin by having someone sharing his or her story of trusting Jesus Christ as Savior.
2. How can the gospel reshape the way you view trials?

ENCOUNTER

Roman 5:6 and following explains the greatness of God's love in salvation. In order to understand more of God's love and the context of this passage., study the outpouring of God's love in the previous verses, Romans 5:1-5. Here, Paul summarizes justification and then shows how it radically changes our perspective on every aspect of life.

In his book *The Gospel Primer*, Milton Vincent wrote, "the gospel makes genuinely good news out of every other aspect of my life, including my severest trials. The good news about my trials is that God is forcing them to bow to His gospel purposes and do good unto me by improving my character and making me more conformed to the image of Christ" (31-32). Study this theme from Romans 5:1-5.

3. To be justified means to be declared righteous before God. Why do we need to be justified? How and when is someone justified?
4. List of the results of justification according to these verses.
5. How does justification change our perspective on trials?

TRANSFORM

6. What challenged you most from this week's sermon?
7. How do you regularly proclaim the truth of the gospel to yourself? Why is it important to do so?
8. What is an aspect of life that you can apply the message of the gospel to this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS