



## Sermon Discussion Questions

### "Counting your Blessings of Justification"

Romans 5:1-11  
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Openers:

What do you remember about the last sermon -- what did you resonate with most? Why?

In your family, who tried to keep the peace? Mom or dad or someone else?

Questions: [The following questions are meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the selected text. Feel free to ask your group your own questions regarding the sermon or text].

1. How has faith in Jesus Christ changed humanity's relationship with God (vv 1-2)?
2. In verses 2-11 what reasons does Paul give for rejoicing?
3. How does suffering for Christ's sake produce the character changes stated in verses 3-4?
4. How do verses 5-8 emphasize the love God has for us?

Application:

5. Out of the areas of suffering, perseverance, character and hope, where do you see God most in your life now?
6. In terms of God's peace and hope, how do you understand where it begins -- with a feeling, or with a head knowledge and a conscious claiming of peace and hope?
7. How can a knowledge of the process of character change help us to rejoice in our sufferings?
8. From this passage, what are the blessings that come to the Christian?

What blessing do you need most now?

Take a moment to pray in your group; this time, perhaps divide your group in half, having each half pray together as a smaller group. Ask God to re-awaken in you the reasons you have to rejoice. Listen carefully for these reasons to be revealed to you, and go forth this week rejoicing in the Lord.

\*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).