



SDG Discussion Guide

Romans 5:1-5

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For Starters:

What is a highlight of your last week?

What is a lowlight of your last week?

In your family, who tried to keep the peace? Mom or Dad or other?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. How has faith in Jesus Christ changed humanity's relationship with God (vv 1-2)?
2. Out of the areas of suffering, perseverance, character and hope, where is God working in your life right now?
3. What reasons does Paul give for rejoicing?
4. How should a Christian look upon suffering and stress? Upon disappointment?
5. What was so amazing about what Christ did for us?
6. From this passage, what are the blessings that come to the Christian? What blessings do you need the most right now?
7. How much of God's peace and hope need to begin with a feeling and how much must begin with head knowledge and conscious claiming of peace and hope?
8. What incident in your life can you look back on and see the truth of verses 3-5?

Take plenty of time to pray together. What has God spoken to you through the study and discussion? What is one lesson or point of learning that stuck with you that you will carry forward to continue to think on and pray. Discuss these things and pray for each other accordingly. Where are you encouraged in going forth this week? Where are you challenged? Where are you nudged to reach out to another or otherwise act?

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).