

Sermon Title: Lasting Joy

Sermon Text: Romans 5:1-5

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Read Romans 5:1-5 together.

1. Reflect on a time when your hopes (big or small) were crushed. How did you respond to the disappointment?
2. What does it mean to have “peace with God” (verse 1)? How does this peace differ from simply feeling peaceful in your life circumstances?
3. Discuss the concept of God’s grace (verse 2) and the role it plays in your relationship with him. Specifically, how do you rely on God’s grace in your daily life?
4. The message describes suffering as a catalyst for growth, leading to perseverance, character, and, ultimately, hope (verses 3-4). How have you experienced this process of growth through suffering in your own life?
5. Verse 5 points to the indwelling Holy Spirit as our assurance that our hope in Christ will not let us down. (See also Ephesians 1:13-14). Practically speaking, how can we rely on the Spirit when our hope wanes?
6. In what ways can our small group support each other in remembering and applying the truths discussed in this sermon?