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Small Group Notes - Romans 5:1-2

Some groups may find the following suggested questions a helpful starting point. Don't feel bound by them, rather work at understanding God's word for yourselves, praying that God will help you live in the light of it.

Introduction

Last Sunday we welcomed John MacKinnon from A Passion for Life to talk about the national mission in 2022 and how we might be involved. Many of us find the idea evangelism challenging. At the heart of John's message he took us to two verses in Romans. These verses warmed our hearts with the beauty of the gospel and to encouraged us to share this gospel with others.

In this session we are going to meditate on these wonderful truths and let them encourage and shape us.

Introduction

1. What is the best thing about being a Christian?
2. When you are with your friends, what do you enthuse about regarding your faith?

Read Romans 5:1-2

We have reached the point in Romans where Paul is enthusing about the benefits of being a Christian. In these two short verses what does Paul say those benefits are?

Peace with God

3. What does Paul mean when he talks about the blessing of having 'peace with God'?
4. The world doesn't think peace with God is anything to shout about. Why not?

Note: many people in the world think if there is a God they must be at peace with Him. They don't understand the consequences of rejecting God, the blessing of being justified and the peace that follows between us and God.

Hope of Glory

5. What does Paul mean when he talks about 'the hope of the glory of God'?
6. The world has a very different view about the future. How would you summarise the world's perspective?

Note: many people in the world are pessimistic about the future prospects for humanity and our world. They don't see the blessing of spending eternity in the presence of the glory of God.

Living it Out

7. What things might prevent us from knowing and experiencing (a) peace with God and/or (b) the hope of glory.

8. Our peace and hope should lead us to rejoice (verse 2). What does rejoicing look like, even when we are experiencing the hard things of life? How might these truths help us rejoice in the hard times?

9. How might it look for us to enthuse about these deep blessing of our faith with our friends?

Prayer

Why not now turn to pray for one another in light of all you have seen in God's word this week.