



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Through faith we're justified, through grace we're upheld, through hope we overcome. In 1:18 - 3:20 Paul laid out our universal sin problem and therefore our need for justification. In 3:21 - 4:25 Paul announced that God's justification has come in Christ and can be received by grace through faith, not works or merit. In chapter 5, Paul shifts his focus to glory in the benefits that come in the "justification-by-faith package." These benefits, though they relate to past, present and future, are all like springs that nourish and strengthen our joy in God now. Strengthened joy is certainly needed, as in this life, followers of Christ will endure many sorrows.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro:

1. What is the difference between a truce and peace?
 - a. How does this relate to what gets labeled in our day as a "peace deal?"
 - b. How does this relate to your relationships?
 - c. When/Where do you settle for a truce, when peace is the goal?

Read Romans 5:1-5

2. In v1-2, what 3 main benefits of justification by faith does Paul highlight in these verses?
3. Consider each benefit: Peace, Access & Standing in Grace (relationship), Hope
 - a. What does it mean? How would you explain it?
 - b. How does each benefit speak to the deep longings of our souls as human beings?
 - c. In our flesh, where are we tempted to look for these things?
 - d. How is each benefit only available through justification by faith?
 - i. In other words, how are these benefits unattainable through a works-based mentality and approach?
4. How do the 3 main benefits of justification in verses 1-2 relate to verses 3-5?
 - a. According to these verses, how is it possible to rejoice in our sufferings?
 - b. What perspective is offered through the gospel that counters how our flesh desires to respond to suffering, trials, difficulties, and hardships?
 - c. Can God save us from hardship? Why, according to these verses, does God lead us through them? What makes this hard? What makes this liberating?
 - d. What truth(s) in these verses do you need to hear and be reminded of this week? Why?

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** - That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ;
 - b. **Belong** - to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** - to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** - to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)