



Sermon Discussion Guide

October 26, 2025 | Romans 5:6-11 | Brad

SUMMARY

Big Idea: God's Love Fuels Our Hope

As Paul continues to unpack the benefits of justification by faith, his ultimate desire is that it would lead us to rejoice in God. As Paul reasons, it is clear, such rejoicing it flows from having sure hope, and sure hope only flows from God's love for us. Where do we behold God's love? How do we know that God loves us, in the past, in the present and in the future? We know and behold God's love for us in the gospel – in the death and resurrection of Jesus for sinners. He died for us and He lives forever for us. Tethering our hope to any other source fails at producing the joy of the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Option – as a potentially good group discussion guide for this week, consider using Tim Keller's "Signs of Rejoicing" test on pages 120-121

Intro:

1. What's the best ice cream shop in the Suwanee area? What makes it the best?
 - a. OR - What's your favorite ice cream flavor? Why?
 - b. Take note of the way you answered.. what was the tone, the mood, the inflection, etc..?
 - c. When you think about and talk about your relationship with God, does it come with the same notes, tone, mood?
 - i. If there is a disparity, take heart, in our passage, Paul's aim is to guide us to God's love that fuels our hope, and this hope fuels our joy – our delight in and savoring of God.

Read Romans 5:6-11

LOVE (v6-8)

2. When are you tempted to doubt God's love for you?
3. In verses 6-8, what does Paul want for us to know about God's love?
4. What makes God's love different from our love? Why is that good thing, the best thing?
 - a. In v6-10, how are "we" described? What effect does this have on our understanding of God's love?
5. How do verses 6-8 work to anchor our assurance of God's love for us?

HOPE (v9-10)

6. In what way does Christ's death in the past, give us hope for the future?
7. In what way does Christ's resurrection further bolster our hope?

JOY (v11)

8. How does Paul connect God's love to our hope, and our hope to joy?
9. How can you know, with full assurance, that God loves you?
 - a. What difference should that make in your life as you think about last week, today, and this coming week?
10. How can these verses aid in your articulation of the Gospel?

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)