Group Life this week

Uncluttered Christianity

The Hope of the World Romans 5:1-11

The Proclamation of Hope

The Spur to Hope

The Certainty of Hope

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!"

Romans 5: 6-9 (NIV)

Getting Connected

1. Share something that encouraged you or challenged from today's message.

2. Just as resistance to a muscle strengthens it, so challenges to our hope can strengthen it. In what ways has your hope been challenged through trials or suffering?

Digging Deeper

1. The "peace with God" (Romans 5:1) is the objective position we find ourselves in (no longer "at war" with God, having been reconciled to him); the "peace of God" (Philippians 4:7) is the inner sense of security and serenity that wells up within us when we appreciate the blessings we enjoy in Christ. How have these two aspects of "peace" affected you in your life?

2. How can we view suffering so that we respond appropriately when trials come our way? See Rom. 5:3-4, James 1:2-4, and 1 Peter 1:6-7.

3. Describe the differences between justification (Rom 5:1, 9) and reconciliation (Rom 5:10-11).

Growing Together

Memorize Romans 5: 6-8. This is a key Scripture passage that summarizes God's love for us, his ultimate sacrifice, and our need of a Saviour.

Notes