

The Common Thread

ROMANS (part 2): The Hinges of Life in Christ

Community Group Questions

1. What were your general impressions and takeaways from the ROMANS video shown in this message?
2. Read and reflect upon today's passage **Romans 5:1-6 ESV**—
“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”
3. Discuss this quote: “The door of discipleship must remain on its hinge of trusting only in God's works above our own. When it comes off these hinges, we come off the hinges.”
4. Do we live as if God cares deeply about our sense of peace with Him? What is often the basis of seeking this peace (trying to improve our mood, working harder to sin less, etc.)? What does scripture identify as the basis for the peace we have with God?
5. Discuss this quote: “Grace is a place in which we can't constantly stand unless we constantly see our deep, abiding need for it. This means that we can't really know grace if we don't constantly know our faults and failings. Humility has no arrival point.”
6. How do these hinges of justification by faith, peace with God, and standing daily in grace lead us to rejoicing not only in our future eternity, but also in our present sufferings?