

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

The Triumphs of God's Love

Romans 5:5-11

Passages for further study: Psalm 103:8-14, 17; Psalm 136; Luke 15:11-32; Romans 8:9-11, 8:31-39; 1 Corinthians 13.

Introduction: This passage in Romans focuses on the unearned, undeserved love of God for each and every one of His people! While we were still sinners – enemies of God – Christ died for us. Christ's resurrection cements the triumph of God's love, leading to Christian assurance, peace, and joy.

- **Key question:**
 - Do you believe that God loves you? If you are a follower of Christ, this is true of you. What would change in your life (behavior, words, demeanor, actions) if that truth sunk in a little more?

Questions

1. **To who or what do you turn in crisis? When the chips are down in your life, how do you gain a sense of calm?** (Answer honestly here: there is no point in giving the "right" answer if it is not the real answer.)
2. **John said the definition for ungodly in verse 6 is: "living without regard for religious belief or practice, without proper fear, careless, irreverent."**
 - a. How are you prone to lacking godly fear in your daily life?
 - b. What lesser fears – worries, anxieties – are you prone to in your daily life?
3. **Do you believe that before you followed Christ, you were an enemy of God? At odds with Him?**
4. **John noted that the love of God the Father is displayed for us through the work of Jesus (God the Son), poured out in our hearts through God the Spirit (Rom 5:5-10). When you have confidence in God's love for you, what impact does it have on your life?**

To further explore the nature of God's love, study these passages of Scripture:
Psalm 103:8-14, Luke 15:11-32, 1 Corinthians 13, Romans 8:31-39

5. **Romans 5:8 says that *while we were still sinners* Christ died for us. What implications does this truth have:**
 - a. For the basis of your assurance of salvation?

- b. For confidence in a daily relationship with God?
 - c. For how you treat other people?
6. How we can grow together as a Life Group and as a church, in basing our joy on the good news of the gospel; on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ (Rom 5:11, 8:30)?

These questions may be particularly well suited for accountability time:

7. Satan remains an enemy of God and therefore seeks to condemn us. How is it going with distinguishing the comfort and conviction of the Holy Spirit from the condemnation and accusation of Satan?
8. The better we know and are shaped by God's Word, the more quickly we will recognize the accusations of Satan. How is it going with prioritizing regular, consistent time in God's Word and prayer?