

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 22, 2017

Focal Passage: Romans 5:1-5

Memory Passage: Romans 5:1

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 5:1-11.** While our focal passage is Romans 5:1-5, reading verses 1-11 each day will help us view our focal passage in context. Our focal passage begins with “Therefore”, therefore, a short review is in order.
- (b) While the opening sentence of Romans (verses 1-7) contains important theological truths worth a separate study, a broad outline of Romans (and there are many) can be viewed as follows:
- Part One: The Revelation of the Righteousness of God (1:1-8:39)**
 - Part Two: The Vindication of the Righteousness of God (9:1-11:36)**
 - Part Three: The Application of the Righteousness of God (12:1-16:27)**
- (c) OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Using your own resources, internal or external, write your own outline of Romans.
- (d) In preparation for Romans 5:1-5, read all of Romans 4 and summarize your findings.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 5:1-11.** What is your understanding of the word “justify” as it relates to salvation?
- (b) For further understanding of “justify” or “justification”, read Romans 3:21-31.
- (c) In Romans 3, how would you explain verses 21 & 22 compared with verse 31?
- (d) In Romans 3: 25, explain the word “propitiation”. Is there an Old Testament equivalent? If so, what is it?
- Hint: The Holy of Holies
- (e) In Romans 3:26, what does it mean that God is “just” and that He is also the “justifier”?
- (f) So, how is a man/woman made right before God? Need help? See Romans 3:22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 5:1, to mention only a few.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 5:1-11.** Verse 1 says that we have “peace with God”. Is peace with God the same as “the peace of God”? If there is a difference, what is it? For help see Ephesians 2:17 and Philippians 4:5-7.
- (b) In verse 2, it states that we have obtained an “introduction” by faith? Is it that we have been introduced to Christ or is it more far reaching? Use the following passages to explain your answer: Ephesians 2:17-18; Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:19-20.

(c) Assuming verses 1-2 can be described/summarized in two words, from the following list, circle the two words that best describe/summarize verses 1 & 2: freedom, state, works, acceptance, striving, law, eternal life, judgment, access, condemnation, wrath, feelings, glory, exult.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Romans 5:1-11.** With a focus on verses 2, 3 & 4, define the following words:

Hope –

Tribulation –

Perseverance –

Character –

EXTRA MILE: List the corresponding Greek word (suggestion – www.biblegateway.com, Mounce Interlinear Translation).

(b) Do you see any meaningful relationship between the words in (a) above? If so, explain your answer. If not, good luck explaining your answer. Either way, see Matthew 5:11-12; 1 Peter 1:3-9; 4:12-19; Job 23:10; Psalms 66:10; Proverbs 17:3; Isaiah 48:10.

(c) Write a brief comparison of Romans 5:1-5, James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 1:3-9.

(d) **DON'T MISS THIS:** In related passages about trials and tribulations you will find words or phrases like “count it all joy”, “exult”, “take heart”, “blessed”, “rejoice”, “be glad”, “glory”, and others. Does that surprise you? Do you think a non-Christian or an uninformed Christian would be surprised or even offended at such an idea? Why or why not?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Romans 5:1-11.** Would you agree or disagree that trials, tribulations, difficulties, afflictions, testings, and persecutions happen to both the Christian and non-Christian? Explain your answer from both scripture and experience.

(b) **THINK:** If a person received Christ primarily based on a message of “God has a wonderful plan for your life”, what do you think their response would be when trials, tribulations, difficulties, disappointments, etc., is experienced?

(c) **PERSONAL EVALUATION:** Based on our study, which phrase best describes God’s intention for tribulations, persecutions, etc: stumbling blocks or stepping stones? Up to this point in your life, how have you viewed trials and tribulations? Have you ever thought that you deserve better? What is your intention going forward?

(d) **PERSONAL APPLICATION:** What can you and I learn about difficulties and afflictions from II Corinthians 1:3-7, that can be useful to us as individuals and also to our church body?

(e) **PERSONAL APPLICATION:** What can you and I learn about difficulties and endurance from Hebrews 12:1-4 that can be personally encouraging?

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Faith Triumphs In Tribulation

