



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Romans 5: Peace and Joy in Christ



Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

Romans 5

Warm Up

Who is the most famous person you have met?
What did you say to them?

Did they live up to expectations?

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. Can you think of examples of when you have made peace with an "enemy"? How did it feel?
2. Explain the difference between peace with God and the peace of God. – Have you experienced both?
3. Imagine having the chance to stand in the presence of the King and speak to him freely. What would you say?
4. We have this privilege with God. Do we use it as we should? What can we say to God? Will he always listen?
5. When you buy a lottery ticket, you hope you might win. When you buy a bus ticket, you know you can get on the bus, even though the bus is not there yet. These are two types of 'hope'. How might these examples help you understand Biblical hope as opposed to worldly hope? How would you describe Biblical hope?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

6. How should biblical hope help us in our every day life? How did it help Paul deal with the variety of difficult circumstances he faced?
7. Talk about how you might explain this hope to a non-Christian.



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.