

**LifeGroup Study Sheet**April 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Romans 5:1-11

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

**Quick Review**

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

**Introduction**

What's the best 'undeserved gift' you've ever received? Something you definitely didn't earn but were thrilled to get?"

**Digging In**

**Question 1: Read Romans 5:1-11. Having Peace with God!** The Greek word for peace here is “eirēnē”, not just the absence of conflict but a settled, whole relationship. Paul uses the word "therefore" (oun) to connect peace directly to justification! Before you came to faith in Christ, what was your sense of your relationship with God? This peace is not a feeling we manufacture but a legal and relational reality established by Christ's work on our behalf. The war is over. How has that reality of status changed you? What does it mean to you personally that peace with God is something "we have" rather than something we earn or maintain?

**Question 2: Read Romans 5:2-3. We Stand in the Place of Grace!** Paul says we don't just visit grace, BUT we "stand" in it! The word "access" (prosagōgē) was used in the ancient world for the right of a subject to enter the presence of a king. Paul says through Christ, that access is now ours, permanently! We don't knock and hope we'll be received; we walk into God's presence as those who belong there! What areas of your life do you find it hardest to believe you are truly standing in grace, rather than standing on your own performance or worthiness?

**Question 3: Read Romans 5:2-6. We Participate in His Glory!** Paul says we "rejoice" (or boast) in both future glory and present suffering. Paul is not offering toxic positivity. The Greek word “kauchōmetha” (translated "rejoice" or "boast") is active and deliberate; it's a chosen placement, not a forced feeling. Paul's argument is that suffering is not wasted! It is a divine workshop shaping! What is a real hardship you have faced or are currently facing? How does the idea that suffering is producing something in you change (or not change) how you experience it?

**Question 4: Read Romans 5:5-10. Pouring Out God's Love!** Paul says God's love has been "poured" into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, not just explained to us, but poured! The word "poured" (ekcheō) is a vivid, generous verb. It implies overflow, abundance, not a trickle. Paul's point is stunning; the evidence of God's love is not primarily our current circumstances but the historical fact of Christ dying for us while we were His enemies! (v.10). How have you experienced the love of God as a felt reality, not just a theological fact? How has it become part of your reality? What has helped you receive it? What has made it hard? Where do you need to let the Spirit make this love personal, not just propositional?

### Application

1. Have you been reconciled to God?
2. If I have been changed, how am I changing?
3. I have been reconciled to reconcile!

### Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

**Adoration** – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

**Confession** – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving** – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

**Supplication** – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?