



STUDY GUIDE

RIGHT WITH GOD 6.14.2015

[set up]

What is the difference between peace with God and the peace of God?

How and or/when have you experienced each one or the lack of each one?

[digging deeper]

RE-read the teaching passage from last weekend - Romans 5:1-11.

Note/underline/highlight each time the word "through" happens and what words follow.

What is provided each time and through who? Why is this significant?

If in a LifeGroup, divide into two groups. Take 10 minutes to answer the following question: Why is it so significant and meaningful that Christ died for us while we were still sinners (5:8)? Each group is to make the longest list of answers possible and then come back and shares their answers. How many of your answers were the same? What's one of your favorite answers?

Paul speaks confidently of hope as a joyful expectation, not a hypothetical. Why? How can this be?

How is the Christian hope different than what most people think of when it comes to hope?

What is the connection between hope and suffering? (5:3, 4) Why is this significant? Why is it difficult for us to believe or accept this at times? How does this help refute the idea that every time bad things happen to us it's because God is punishing us somehow?

What does it mean that hope does not put us to shame (5:5)?

What other verses come to mind or can be looked up to support that being made right with God (the justification that comes with faith in Jesus Christ) gives us peace with God and a hope?

[living it out]

What is something that you are wrestling with right now that being made right with God has or can help you with?

Where have you lost hope right now? How can what you learned today help infuse your hope and give you a steadfast and enduring hope in Christ (especially in light of Romans 5:3-4)?

Close your time in prayer lifting up that which has been made known in your group, lifting up that which God impresses on your heart, and lifting up how everything talked about today ties to you being an effective LifeHouse in your neighborhood and your New Life 10/24 efforts.