

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **May 22, 2016** sermon, "Through Christ Our Lord." Please read the sermon passage (Romans 5:1-5) together out loud. Today we look at coming "THROUGH" Christ.

### Sermon Outline:

THOSE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH KNOW . . .

1. **Our standing is secure, by God's grace** (1-2)
  - A. Those who come through Christ have peace with God.
    - i. Justified: You were not born or made righteous. Those who trust Christ Jesus have been declared righteous.
    - ii. You will have turmoil in your life, though you have peace with God.
  - B. Those who come through Christ are held in grace from God.
    - i. Grace is God's unmerited favor. He freely gives you what is his, and that which you have not earned, and cannot earn.
    - ii. In this grace we have access to God through Christ Jesus.
  - C. Those who come through Christ have hope and joy in God.
2. **That our sufferings are purposeful for God's glory** (3-5)
  - A. Suffering produces endurance.
  - B. Endurance produces character.
  - C. Character produces hope.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It is possible to have peace with God even while you have turmoil in this world. Discuss.
2. Based on #1, above: How does peace with God change your attitude toward those who have hurt you? Those who have wronged you? Your sweetness and kindness toward others? Your interactions with your spouse and children and co-workers? Your view of yourself?
3. Based on #1, above: Hope in God is aimed at your future. Through Christ, God will carry every believer through the darkest personal days, the darkest political days and the harshest of circumstances to a future of peace and joy in his presence. Do you believe this? How does this truth change your attitude and outlook?
4. Based on #2, above: The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. Endurance always brings pain. In spite of hurt, there's always hope. Faithfully living through disappointments and trials is God's way of making us "battle tested." How have you endured? Where have you given up? In what ways have your sufferings made you stronger and more faithful?