

Romans 5:6-11 Reflection & Group Questions*

Personal Reflection and Application:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. Have I really understood and appreciated what my sin cost or the depth of my helplessness?
2. Does anything make you doubt your future with God? If so, what—and how will these verses encourage you?
3. Where, other than God, are you tempted to seek joy? What do you need to remind yourself about God in order to rejoice in him instead?
4. Reread all 11 verses. What truths in them should inform your identity and security. Will you let them do so? Why or why not? How does your own pride blind you to the reality of this text? How is self-pity different than owning your sinfulness and accepting the truth of God's redeeming love? What changes will you make today?

Group Discussion Guide:

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are *optional*.
Group Leaders please consult your leaders guide in the weekly email.

1. Reread Romans 5:1-11. As a group come up with a **one-sentence summary** for verses 6-11.
2. As a group work together to put into your own words the gravity of the juxtaposition between the various kinds of people who need rescuing in verse 7-8. Then describe what this means for the demonstration of the depths of God's love in verse 8.
3. As a group, describe the logic of the hope in verse 9-10. How does all of this logic and objective truth support our subjective treasuring of God's love from verse 5?
4. Taking into account the way the parts of verse 11 are connected, what does it mean to rejoice in God through Jesus? How does that happen practically, personally? Is it wrong to rejoice in Jesus? What is Jesus' role in all of this?
5. Does the message of this paragraph relate to the Jesus words in Luke 7:36-50? If so, how?