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Session 4: The Result

Small Group Discussion

Horatio Spafford's story and hymn.

"When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know, It is well, it is well, with my soul" How can a man, dealing with such grief, pen words like this?

"My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!" Why would this grief-stricken man find comfort in writing about Jesus and his work of salvation? What has that got to do with his four little girls who are dead?

Large Group Discussion

Romans 1-3 Recap

Chapters 1-3 = no one is _____ chapter 3-8 = _____ is our righteousness.

Read Romans 5:1

In your own words, what is Paul trying to say here?

Because of everything _____ has done for you, you now have _____ with God.

What do you think Paul means by the word peace?

Answer is found in the phrase _____.

Read Romans 5:2

The Space of Wrath

vs.

The Space of Grace

What are some everyday way we might wonder from the space of grace to the space of wrath?

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When our _____ shifts from what Jesus _____ to what we, someone

or something else _____, we begin to drift over to the space of wrath.

Read Romans 5:3-5

How do you think the gospel enables us to rejoice in our sufferings?

How can we be certain of the hope of gospel amid our sufferings?

Read Romans 5:5

Read Romans 5:6

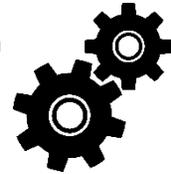
~~“God helps those who help themselves...”~~ but rather _____.

Read Romans 5:7-8

“God’s love seeks you out when you have nothing to give in return. It comes at you when you are helpless and unlovable. It even pursues you when you are fighting it.”

Application

Let’s get back to Horatio. How does Romans 5:1-8 answer the question of he could pen such words amid his grief?



Because of Romans 5:1-8, what are three things you can be sure of in suffering?