

HOPE IN SUFFERING



Romans 5:1-11

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you from the sermon? What did the Holy Spirit highlight to you?
2. What is hope? How full would you say your hope tank is right now?
3. What does Paul mean by “the glory of God” (v. 2)? How is this our great hope as Christians?
4. Which of the two common responses to suffering outlined in the sermon do you find yourself being pulled toward more, nihilism or religion? Why doesn’t this response ultimately work?
5. Why does Paul say we can “rejoice in our sufferings” (v. 3)?
- Follow-up Q: Have you found this to be true in your own life? Can you share a time when you found you grew in endurance, character, and/or hope through suffering?
6. Have you ever found yourself questioning the love of God in the midst of your sufferings? How does a text like this encourage you there?
7. Verse 5 is the first reference to the Holy Spirit in the whole letter. How does the Holy Spirit help us when we are suffering (see also Romans 8:26-30)?

Want to go deeper?

Join us in memorizing Romans chapter 8 this year, one verse at a time. Get wallpaper for your phone to help at fairoaks.org/romans.

After spending some time discussing these things, spend some time praying for each other and asking for the Holy Spirit’s help wherever you need it.

