

ROMANS

POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 5:1-5

Wanted and Unwanted

5.5.22

Small Group Discussion Guide:

These are questions you could possibly use for small group discussion.

Main Point: Rejoice in the wanted and the unwanted

1. Describe the difference between happiness and joy.
2. What stood out to you from the message or passage?
3. Why do you think the first practical area Paul address with the Gospel is suffering?

The Wanted: Peace, Access and Hope

Other Passages: Ephesians 2:13-18 and Colossians 1:21-22

4. How does sin put up a wall between you and God? In what ways have you experienced this in your own life?
5. What are the benefits of having access to the father?
6. Are there other benefits of justification that we could add to the list?

The Unwanted: Suffering

Other Passages: James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 5:10-11

FIRST, God is doing something in your suffering

Endurance

7. How has your suffering help to remove distractions, focus your attention or re-align your priorities
8. In what ways did the trial focus your attention more on prayer, Bible study or God's will?



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Character

9. What parts of your character have developed because of God working in you during your suffering?

Hope

10. How has your suffering led you to understand hope differently than the way most people think of hope?

11. In what ways have you been able to share your hope with those who walk through similar situations?

SECOND, What God is doing will not disappoint.

12. When walking through the unwanted season of life, where do people tend to run only to find disappointment?

13. How does the message of the cross speak into the suffering we experience?