

Sunday, October 16, 2022 - "Romans - Week 5 - Redemptive Suffering: Romans 5:1-11" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Romans 5:1-11, John 9, 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Ch 1-4: The heart of the Gospel = we are all sinners in need of grace, we are justified by faith alone
- Ch 5-8: Assurance of the Gospel = what difference does the Gospel make in my daily life
- Assurance = a positive declaration of truth that gives us confidence and allows us to live into the promised of God
- Cliff notes Romans 5:12-21
 - Sin is a human problem → curse that came through one man (Adam)
 - Blessing and lifting of the curse comes through one man (Jesus)
- Chapter 5...how to stay faithful to God when life gets tough
- Ancient world view: cosmic spiritual karma
 - Bad things happen to bad people and good things happen to good people
 - Jesus addressed this in the sermon on the mount (blessed are the poor...)
 - John 9: Man born blind so that, not as punishment, but so the works of God could be displayed in him
- In every difficult experience, there is a God infused redemptive opportunity
- "We have..."
 - Been saved
 - Peace (shalom, confidence in the bigger picture)
 - 24/7 access to grace
 - Constant state of grace
 - Poured into our lives
 - We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God (exude hope)
 - Even if we can't see/understand...deep confidence in the bigger picture
- We seldom grow apart from pain/suffering
- How we respond to trials makes all the difference
- V11: Rejoice/Exude
 - We have...received reconciliation
 - We were disconnected but through Jesus we are reconnected to the vine...access to God (strength, peace, grace, power)
- We still someone times live and operate according to cosmic karma
- When we exude hope and faith in God → He is glorified and made known
- One path leads to Jesus and one leads to more pain

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What has God taught you about staying faithful when life gets tough?
2. How have you seen the "cosmic karma" thinking pop up in or around you?
3. When have you seen redemption in difficult experiences?
4. What does it look like for you personally to rejoice in your sufferings?
5. When was a time that you experienced the peace of God? What was it like?
6. How has God used pain and suffering to grow you?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan****

Mon: Matthew 10 Tues: Matthew 11 Wed: Matthew 12 Thurs: Matthew 13 Fri: Matthew 14

Songs from the weekend: [Ancient Gates - Brooke Ligertwood] - [Reason to Praise - Cory Asbury] - [All Creatures of our God and King - David Crowder] - [Living Hope - Phil Wickham]