

SERMON GUIDE

A COMMUNITY OF HOPE

Romans 5:1-5

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 43)

Psalm 103:1-4 (Repentance)

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

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### Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**ray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

**Getting to know me:** Have you had the privilege of being in a relationship with a hopeful person? What impact did their hope have on you?

### Note about the passage:

### Read Romans 5:1-5

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What are the gifts that come along with belonging to Jesus? Is there any language that is difficult to understand in these verses?
- O** Why do you think character produces hope?
- O** What do you think it means to "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God?" What would this look like in a real-life scenario?
- O** What do you think it means that God has "poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."? Why would this be a key ingredient in a hopeful life?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Are you struggling at all with cynicism or hopelessness? What invitation do you hear God extending to you in response to this reading? What do you need from God right now?
- A** Are you "rejoicing in the hope of the glory of God" or are you rejoicing in something more fragile and less certain? Are there any false hopes that you need to "put off" today?
- A** How could your Missional Community reflect the teaching in this passage together?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.