



SERMON GUIDE

## REAL SINNERS. REAL LOVE

Romans 5:1-11

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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

### Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever been surprised by unexpected evidence or proof of something you didn't believe? How did that experience affect your perspective and what did you learn?

### Read Romans 5:1-11 (esp.v.8)

- S** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
  
- O** Take time as a group to write out your observations about the following:
  - What does this reading teach us about the character and nature of God?
  - What things has God done?
  - What have we received as a result? What do we have now? What is true about us now?
  
- O** Of the things you've listed above, what is most encouraging to you right now? Why is that attribute of God or gift of his grace so important to you right now? Share as specifically as you can.
  
- O** For those who heard Pastor Jan's story this past Sunday, what did you find most encouraging and most challenging in his story?
  
- 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** Is there any relationship in your life that the truth of this passage should benefit? What could you do to act out the truth of the passage in this relationship?
  
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.