Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Romans 5:1-11

Standing in Grace

Getting Started

How do most people deal with the problem of guilt? Why?

Digging In

1. **Read Romans 3:23 and 6:23**. According to these two verses, what is our great need?

2. **Read John 3:16**. How did God take the initiative to meet our need?

3. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:21**. What is the *Great Exchange* described in this verse?

4. How was Jesus made sin for us? (see 1 Pet 2:24)

5. **Read Romans 5:1-11**. What does it mean that we have been *justified through faith*? How did that happen?

6. According to v. 1, what is one of the wonderful results of being declared righteous in God's eyes?

7. What do you think it means that we *stand in grace*? (v. 2)

8. Why can we rejoice in our sufferings? (vss. 3-4)

9. How does God assure us of his love for us? (v. 5)

10. According to v. 8, how did God demonstrate his love for us?

11. Why can we look to the future without fear? (vss. 9-11)

Getting Personal

- What is the connection between the great truths of Romans 5 and our growth in Christ?

- What does it mean to you personally that we *stand in grace*? How does this make a difference in your daily life?

- What does it mean to *preach the gospel to ourselves*?

- Why is it important for us to learn to *preach the gospel to ourselves* every day?

- How will you do this?