

Life Application Notes

Endurance Pt.1

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Scripture: Romans 5: 1-8

Introduction for leaders

This is the first of two parts looking at endurance - based in Romans 5 : 1-8, we looked at **how/why** we can rejoice in sufferings and also in light of that how we can endure, looking to Jesus as our example.

Opening up:

Si shared his terrible memories of cross-country at school...what is something you used to dislike when you were younger that you've grown to love in later life?

Digging in:

Read Romans 5:1-8

v.1 - What is the difference between having peace with God and the peace of God?

v.2 - What is the hope of the glory of God? (See 1 John 3:2 & 1 Peter 1:3-4 for help)

v.3 - Is it a given that endurance comes as a result of suffering? Is verse 3 a passive thing that just happens or do we play an active part in the endurance actually happening? How long do we have to endure?

v.4 - What aspect of your character have you noticed God working on recently?

vv. 5-8 - Reflect on how Christ's death and resurrection impacts your life today just as it did on the day you first believed. How does his death and resurrection matter to your suffering, endurance, character and hope today?

Practical steps

Encourage your group to respond to the questionnaire sent on Monday asking what God is doing in people in this time. Then spend some time in prayer that God would use this time like a greenhouse, to intensify the production of spiritual fruit in our lives.

Finally, encourage your group to consider how they might invite friends along to church on Sundays or one of the other events during the week. This Friday night will be another quiz - could you gather a team from some of your lifegroup and their friends?