



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *The Way of the Cross*

Scriptures: Romans 5:1-5

Date: Feb. 24 & 25, 2018

Message: *At the Cross:*

Endurance

—[LET'S START]—

Over the last couple of weeks, we have learned from Pastor Dale how we can experience real freedom and God's forgiveness at the cross. Which is harder for you, to ask for forgiveness or to forgive someone else? Why?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Have someone read Romans 5:1-5 aloud. Pastor Kyle called attention to verse 3 which talks about glory in our suffering.
 1. Why are Christians able to rejoice in suffering? What are some of the ways you may have experienced suffering? How do/did you address the tension of being called to rejoice in suffering yet not wanting to suffer?
 2. We sometimes find ourselves in proximity to others who are suffering (as we are called to serve). Have you a helpful story of observing someone else respond to their suffering? (No names, please!)
2. Pastor Kyle spoke of two **mis**understandings about the passage:
 - 1) Don't rejoice **in spite** of suffering
 - 2) Don't rejoice **for** sufferingFind a partner and explain to each other how each of these is a misunderstanding of the text.
3. The two factors emphasized for how to rejoice in suffering were:
 - 1) Stay fueled
 - 2) Stay focusedWith your partner, discuss what you will do to stay fueled and focused during your suffering.

