



OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

In your experience, who has been one of your best examples of a person who is consistently "at peace"?

DIG

The Apostle Paul described how God is faithful and then how we are blessed through faith in him (Romans 3-4). Then he gives some practical applications.

Read ROMANS 5:1-2 *"¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory." [NLT]*

How does Jesus Christ give a person "peace with God"? In what ways is this different from "peace of mind"?

Different translations of Scripture say that trials produce perseverance or endurance or patience. How are these words similar or different?

How does your spiritual hope impact your attitude toward current circumstances of your life?

Read ROMANS 5:3-5 *"³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." [NLT]*

For what reasons does this passage indicate a Christian can rejoice?

According to this passage, what are some blessings available to us?
What particular blessing do you need now?

APPLY

How have past struggles and suffering produced positive, instead of negative, results in your own life?

How is God changing you now through the current social uncertainties in our world?

-GLR

Leaders

Sermon

This discussion guide is based on a sermon in a series called "The Church from House to House." The series specifically addresses concerns during the worldwide pandemic.

Big Idea

This lesson focuses on the need for patience or endurance at any time, but especially in periods of uncertainty.

Prayer

Pray for God to give your group a wisdom to see current circumstances from an eternal perspective.

Group Reminders

Whether formally or informally recognized, groups are the frontlines of spiritual care in any church. Keep in touch so your group can help one another get the help whenever there is a need.

Encourage all group members to sign up to "GIVE HELP" so they will be on call to help others in our community. Go to the COVID-19 RESPONSE section of the church website: <https://northboulevard.com/events/responding-with-love-covid-19-response/>