1. **Romans 5:1-2**
* Why does one who is “justified by faith” “have peace with God”, explain this?
* According to Paul, how did “we” find “access” to “grace”?
* **Psalm 79:9, Isaiah 43:25, Acts 24:15**
* What is the “hope” that “we boast in”, that Paul refers to?
1. **Romans 5:3-5**
* What do we gain through “our afflictions” in life?
* Why might we “boast of our afflictions”?
* **Proverbs 3:11-12, Sirach 30:1-4, Deuteronomy 8:2-5**
* Why did God allow his people to undergo affliction during their “journeying in the desert”?
* **2 Maccabees 6:12-16**
* Does God’s mercy temporarily withdraw from his people during their trials and affliction?
* What good can come from the “chastisement” and “misfortunes” God’s people undergo?
* **Luke 9:23-24**
* What have we been called to do “daily”, according to **Christ**?
* **1 Peter 2:21-24, 1 Peter 4:12-13**
* What does **Peter** state we “may have to” do?
* How does **Peter** ask us to respond to this temporal situation in life?
* **Colossians 1:24**
* How does **Paul** respond to suffering?
* **Hebrew 12:1-11, 1 Peter 1:6-9, 4:16-19, 5:7-11**
* According to **Hebrews**, what is a reason Christ himself “endured the cross”?
* What do you believe to be the purpose of our own sufferings and trials on this earth as Christians?
* **Catechism 1435, 618**
1. **Romans 5:6-8**
* According to this passage, give two descriptions of who “Christ died for” and share your thoughts about it with the group if you are willing?
* What is significant in your opinion about whom Jesus Christ is offering his life for?
* Consider the first time you felt a strong calling from Christ, were you in a state of sin or state of grace, share if you are willing?
1. **Romans 5:9-11**
* What word does Paul use in these verses to describe us who are being “reconciled to God”?
* Does this word surprise you, please explain why or why not?
* What is “reconciliation”, please describe it in simple terms?
* <https://youtu.be/tR25hk8NVio>
* Please share something meaningful that stood out to you today.