


Week of August 23, 2026 - Hope of Glory | Small Group Study 13

## Connect

Share about a time when a difficult or frustrating experience actually made you a stronger, more patient, or better person. Looking back, what did you gain from that tough situation?

## Verses - Romans 5:1-5 (CSB)

**Read aloud:**

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, 4 endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. 5 This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?**

# Study

**Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:**

1. According to v.1, what is the direct result of being justified by faith, and through whom do we get this peace?

2. In v.2, what have we gained access into by faith, and what do we boast or rejoice in?

3. According to vv.3-4, what surprising thing does Paul say we should boast in? What is the step by step process that this produces?

4. Why does the hope mentioned in v.5 not disappoint us? Who specifically has been given to us to pour God's love into our hearts?

# Share

**Discuss 1:**
Pastor Takeshi explained that being in the sphere of grace is like children living under their parents' care. Parents might give a neighbor's child a smile or candy, but they give their own children absolutely everything they need to succeed. How does seeing God as a Father who provides everything for your ultimate success change the way you view your current struggles?

**Discuss 2:**
Pastor Takeshi gave an example of a failing work project that showed how afflictions expose our selfish desires. When we do not get what we want, we often try to manipulate the situation or pray for God to change it. Have you ever had to finally pray that if God cannot change the situation, He would change you? What happened to your heart when you made that shift?

**Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing *specific* prayer requests.**