

PRAYER REQUESTS

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SERVICE PROJECT

Sunny Hills Growth Group

week of September 25, 2015

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. When you were a kid, what adult(s) loved you the most?
2. What's the worst you've ever been lost before?

QUICK REVIEW

This week at Sunny Hills we looked at the "Roman Road of Salvation."

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

Romans 5:8, "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

What significance would this verse have to someone who had just begun investigating the message of the Gospel?

Let's dig a bit deeper by looking at the context of Romans 5:8 ... verses 1-11.

Read Romans 5:1-11 in your Bible. Which 3 verses stand out the most to you, and why?

1)

2)

3)

Read Romans 5:2-4. Is the message about Jesus more valuable now, while we are still on earth; or more valuable for later, when we are in heaven?

Based on what you see in Romans 5:6, what is the likelihood that someone, through self-effort, could save himself?

How does verse 7 "set-up" verse 8? What does verse 7 and 8 together teach us about the character of God?

Are most people God's enemies, or God's friends? (v. 10)

What is the super-benefit of being in relationship with Jesus?

APPLICATION

Suppose a person who was non-religious and never really thought much about God and Jesus came across this passage and read it carefully ... what might their reaction be? Would this passage be "good news" or "bad news" for them?

Romans 5:3 mentions troubles as actually being beneficial in the long run ... how would you explain this to a friend going through a hard time?

What is humanities' biggest problem right now?

What solutions do people most often try to fix their problems?

Can Jesus fix us, really? Explain.

What do you think truly motivated Jesus to sacrifice Himself on the Cross for "a wretch like me" (as the line from *Amazing Grace* says)?