

WEEK 1

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Sermon Title: Hope in the Midst of Suffering

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

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Sermon Notes:

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In this week's message, we learned that God uses pain and suffering in our lives to make us into the people that He wants us to be. Think of a time when you went through a difficult season in your life. Did those circumstances cause you to become closer to God, or did it drive you away from God? Explain.

Read Romans 5:1-5. What does it mean to be justified by faith? What is the result of that?

Why are we able to rejoice "in hope of the glory of God"? What else are we to rejoice in as believers in Christ?

Notice that this process begins and ends with hope! Hope is a result of grace and faith at work in our lives. Describe the cycle described in verses 3-4. What does this teach us about the work of suffering in a believer's life?

Bible Reading: Acts 18:1-19:1a

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION FROM ACTS 18:1-19:1A

The first time Paul visited the city of Corinth was on his second missionary journey. Read Luke's account of these events in Acts 18:1-19:1a. What were some of the important events that happened during his visit? Who are some of the people he met? How long did he teach and minister in Corinth?

It is always important to understand the context of Scripture when studying the Bible—especially the textual, cultural and historical contexts. What do we know about the first century city of Corinth—its location, religions, and commerce?
(Use your study Bible notes from the introduction to 1 & 2 Corinthians.)

Who was Apollos? How does this passage describe him?