

Born Again

Romans 5:1-11

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction:

Question: Do we know what it means to be saved?

Luke 7:36-50

II. Know the Difference Between News and Advice:

Reading Romans 5:1-11

III. Live out of our Salvation (the first step): Romans 5:1-2

1. Kauchaomai
2. Be clear on what Paul means
3. Check you heart!

IV. Kauchaomai (take 2)

1. How do we boast in this?
 - i. We know the way of Jesus
 - ii. God will not let us remain shallow

V. Persevere: Choose to stay on the table

VI. Live out of our salvation (the Second step)

1. Look Down
2. Look Up
3. Be Bold

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. When did you first experience the joy of your salvation? What was it like?
2. Where, in your life, do you feel like you need Jesus to rescue you? Where do you just want him to help you?

Reflecting on the Message Together

Read Luke 7:36-50 and Romans 5:1-11

1. Every human being is 500 denari in debt, but we often feel like we are only 50 denari in debt. Do you think this is true? Why or why not?
2. What speaks most powerfully to you from the episode in Luke's Gospel?
3. What are reasons people can gradually lose a heart sense of the profound efforts Jesus went to save us? Why is this dangerous?
4. What is the Christian boast? Why should we boast? When should we boast? How should we boast?
5. Why do you think Paul focused so much of his attention on the Jews?
6. Why and how should a Christian boast in suffering? What do you think this looks like in your own life?
7. We either place all our weight on Jesus and let our professed theology become our heart theology, or we let our hearts calcify and harden. Do you agree or disagree with this diagnosis? What reasons do you have for your position?
8. If we want God to deal with us on the basis of justice, what hope do we have?
9. Where do we find the power to persevere?
10. How did God speak to you through the message?
11. How can we pray for one another?