**Small Group notes – 7 June 2020**

**Welcome**

Have you ever been granted access to somewhere or into an event because of a special connection with someone? Share stories.

**Word - Truly Amazing – Romans 5:1-11**

Paul begins Romans 5:1 with the word ‘Therefore’. He wants us to understand and know the consequence of justification by faith alone, the true value and benefit of what it brings for us. Paul does not want us to be unaware of the amazing significance to our lives both today, and in the future. He shares with us five benefits that are ours because we are justified by faith.

* **Peace – 5:1**
* **Access – 5:2**
* **Hope – 5:2**
* **Joy – 5:2-4**
* **Assurance – 5:5 -8**

That is truly Amazing Grace!

**Questions**

* What does peace with God look like? – verses 1&2
* What are the main roadblocks to peace in the world today? Answer this on two levels. External peace and internal peace?
* What does it mean to “Rejoice” in the hope of the glory of God? – verse 2
* Paul tells us we can rejoice in our sufferings. Why? – verse 2
* How does suffering for Christ’s sake produce the character changes mentioned in verses 3&4
* What should be one of the major marks of a justified believer?
* How do verses 5-8 give emphasises to the love God has for us?
* Discuss verse 5’s teaching about the work of the Holy Spirit?
* How do verses 9-10 assure us that God accepts us completely in Christ?

**Prayers** Please continue to pray for Ian McDonald’s recovery and for national, local and worldwide situations. Pray for the UK Government as easing of restriction come into place, for wisdom, clear communication and interpretation by local government and society.

**Reminders** - Lunch time reflections continue Mon, Wed & Friday @ 12.20pm