

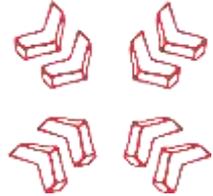
into  
LIFE  
Study guide



Romans 5  
For Individuals and Life Groups  
December 11, 2016

## Introduction:

The story goes back right to the beginning. It is bigger than one night when a baby was born to a poor Jewish couple. It is bigger than three wise men finding this king. It is bigger than an angel appearing to poor shepherds announcing the birth of someone who would save all of humanity. This story spans from the beginning of time and extends into eternity. It is a story, that, if you let it, can transform your understanding of life, and your place in the universe. It is the bigger story of Christmas.



## Into the scriptures

### Read: Romans 5:1-11

How has faith in Jesus changed our relationship with God (vv. 1-2)?

In verses 2-11 what reasons does Paul give for having hope?

How do verses 5-8 reveal about the love that God shows toward us?

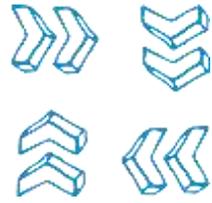
### Read Romans 5:12-21

How are Adam and Christ similar and different (vv. 12, 18-19)?

How are the gift and the trespass compared (vv. 15-21)?

What changed because of Adam and Eve's sin(3:16-24)? What changes because of Christ's sacrifice?

## Into my life



How is it different to say, “Sometimes I commit sin” from “I am a sinner?”

How do you see sins affect on our world? On your friends and family?  
When have I felt the harm of my sin the most?

Do I find it hard to believe that Jesus’ gift can change me from a sinner to a saint (Romans 5:15-17)? In our performance culture how does this challenge how I would like to become a saint?

Paul emphasizes this free gift of justification/salvation five times in this passage. Why is it so important to understand this gift as being “free?”

How will you be different today because of what you just read?



## Into the world



How should I share this gift with my friends and family who do not know God?



## Prayer List



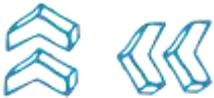
## Challenge for the week:

My challenge for this week is:



## More Resources for personal and group use:

Advent devotionals at  
[www.westwoodchurch.bc.ca/advent](http://www.westwoodchurch.bc.ca/advent)



## A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!



That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

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...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



## GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



## GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



## GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world