

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16: 12-15

[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Romans

- Where do you experience the most peace? Why?
- What sticks out to you in this?
- What does Justification by Faith mean to you?
- What do you think it means to have peace with God?
 - Do you think this means something different to us nearly 2000 years after the formation of the church?
- What do you think about the phrase, "suffering produces endurance"?
- What is vs 5 saying to you?
 - Is there any hope that might disappoint?
- How do you "boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God?"
- An end to suffering is NOT one of the things we are promised. How is it possible to rejoice in suffering?
- Looking at vs 5, what does the Holy Spirit do in this new relationship we have?

John

- What are you hearing in this text?
- This is Sunday is Trinity Sunday. What does the Trinity mean for you? The Church?
 - What is confusing about it?
 - Is it possible to understand it? Why?
- What else is going on in this text that may have lead Jesus to say, “I have many more things to say to you but you cannot bear them now?”
 - Why do you think he did not have a sense of urgency?
- The Holy Spirit will
 - vs 13 Guide you in all truth
 - vs 13 Will say whatever is heard
 - vs 13 Proclaim to you what it to come
 - vs 14 Will glorify Jesus
 - vs 14 Will take what is Christ’s and proclaim it to you
 - But what does that mean?
- How does this piece of text speak to the communal nature of God, Jesus, and the Spirit?
- How would you preach this on Sunday?