**SCC SMALL GROUPS**

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**Christmas Declares God's Love**

**Romans 5:1-10**

**Getting Started:**

1. Whom do you know that rejoices in difficult times? Why do you think they can

 act in this manner?

 2. Share about a specific time in your life when "good timing" made a positive difference on the out-come?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

1. In your own words, what does it mean to be "justified through faith" (v.1)?

 2. What benefits are ours as a result of being justified by faith (vs. 1-5)?

 \* How are suffering, hope and God's love interrelated?

 3. What words in verses 6, 8 and 10 describe what we once were in God's eyes?

 \* How does the death of Christ change the relationship?

 4. Let's dive deeper in to Jesus' love for us-––what do each of these passages state

 about His love and us:

 \* John 1:17

 \* Romans 8:35-39

 \* 2 Corinthians 5:14

 \* Galatians 2:20

 \* Ephesians 1:4

4. As read verses 9-11, what tone of voice do you hear Paul using? Why?

 5. Compare verse 9 with Romans 3:25 and Leviticus 16:3-16: How does this

 Old Testament ritual illustrate what Christ did on the Cross for believers?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

1. What point from Pastor Scott's message stood out to you? Why?

2. When have you suffered in life? Were there things that God taught you through your suffering?

 3. Our faith in Christ is about change. Share one recent "faith change" (area of growth) in your life?