GP INFO TO KNOW - Week of 11/8/2026

GROUP LEADERS! PLEASE MAKE SURE GROUP MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

MAKE A CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR A CHILD!

Send joy to a child this Christmas season by filling a shoebox with gifts and the Gospel of Jesus! Pick up a box to fill through Nov. 8! Sign up at the table in the lobby to help during collection week (Nov. 16-23), or give financially to help with shipping costs!

GP KIDS SCHEDULE CHANGES



There will be NO GP Kids Wednesday programs on November 11, and NO GP Kids Sunday school or preschool on Sunday, November 29th. The entire family will join us in our 9 AM and 10:45 worship gatherings!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 13TH



This year the GP Kids team is preparing a worshipful experience for the entire church. On Sunday, December 13th we will worship in ONE COMBINED gathering (10 AM) as the children's program tells the Christmas story through the eyes of those changed by Jesus' birth! Be sure to invite your extended family for ONE WORSHIP GATHERING on the 13th!

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Group Engagement || Sermon Date: 11/08/2026

The New You and Suffering

1 WARM UP QUESTION

What is something difficult you once tried to avoid but now recognize as having been good for you?

2 SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

Ask someone to read this week's passage: **Romans 5:3-5**

- What do you think Paul means by rejoicing in suffering? What does he not mean?
- Notice the progression in the passage. Why do you think each step is necessary?
- The word "knowing" stands out. How might knowing what God is producing in us change the way we experience hardship?
- What might happen if someone wants hope but resists the suffering, endurance, and character through which hope is often formed?

3 MEANING QUESTIONS

- How does this passage challenge the assumption that God's love should protect believers from every painful experience?
- What happens in your soul when you realize that suffering is not in control, God is?
- What does the sequence from suffering to hope reveal about the kind of people God is forming?
- Why is Christian hope stronger than simply telling ourselves, "Things will get better"?

4 HEART QUESTIONS

- When suffering enters your life, what do you most quickly question: God's power, God's wisdom, God's presence, or God's love?
- Which part of this progression feels most difficult for you right now: enduring, allowing God to shape your character, or continuing to hope?
- Are you willing for God to prioritize your character and hope above your immediate comfort? What makes that difficult to answer honestly?

5 ACTION STEPS

- What is a present hardship in which you need to take the "long view" this week? What part of Ro 5:3–5 could you repeat when suffering threatens to control your thoughts?

Watch the sermon

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