



## Key Scripture:

### John 10:10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> **The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.**

### Romans 5:1–5 (NLT)

Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace\* with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.

<sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

### 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

### Ephesians 2:19–22 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## Discussion Questions:

This week Mike began his sermon in John 10:10. **How would you explain what “having life abundantly” means out of a biblical context?**

At first glance an “abundant” life seems like it should mean life without suffering. **How does Isaiah 43:1-5 speak to this?**

Read Romans 5:1-5. **How has being justified through Jesus led you to hope through times of suffering in your life?**

The NLT translates Romans 5:5 as, *“this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”* **How does this encourage us through the hardship of verses 3 & 4?**

Mike, on Sunday, said, *“If we incorrectly compare our natural circumstance to the love God has given us we’re either really happy or sad.”* **How would you explain to a non-believer that the love of God isn’t connected to our earthly circumstances?**

Being content & hopeful might always be a battle for us while on earth. **How does Romans 8:26-27 give us more hope?**

Many “heroes of the faith” endured great hardship and sacrifice in the path of following Christ’s mission. **Why was it worth it to them?**

1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19 compares the filling of the Holy Spirit from Romans 5:5 to us being a temple of the Holy Spirit. **How does this illustration encourage you towards holiness?**

In Ephesians 2:19-22 we see that we, all as a single structure, are being built into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. **In knowing this, what then in the mission of your life?**

Ephesians 2:20 calls Jesus Christ the cornerstone of this whole thing. **If we remove Christ from this foundation, how does it cause these following things to crumble?** Our hope; our salvation; our unity; our strength; and our mission.