

SERMON NOTES

Date: May 5, 2019

Series: "BUT GOD"

Title: But God Loves

Text: Romans 5:8

Big Idea: Suffering may cause us to question God's love, but God proves his love in that though we deserve to be rejected and judge, we are instead accepted and loved.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Why does suffering sometimes tempt us to doubt God's love?

How is God's love different than worldly love?

How do we know for certain that God loves us?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Which benefits about your new position in Christ do you tend to forget when you suffer? How might remembering them change your response to trials?

Where are you tempted to seek acceptance? How is God's acceptance of you better than the acceptance of others?

At the root of every sin is the lie that God is withholding good from you. How does Romans 5 motivate you to pursue holiness?

Once you were "weak," in what ways does your union with Christ empower you?

How can Romans 5 protect you from a self-righteous and performance-driven relationship with God?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Write out seven Gospel benefits on 3x5 cards. Review and mediate on one each day this week.