

GO FURTHER | MAY 8 | A CRISIS OF FAITH: GEORGIA AND ALDERSGATE

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- DO YOU LOVE THUNDERSTORMS? WHY OR WHY NOT?
- HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CAUGHT IN A STORM? WHAT HAPPENED?

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- Read Romans 5:1-5. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- John Wesley had all the outward actions of following Jesus but not the inward assurance God loved him. He was trying to earn his faith through works.
- Have you ever felt like that before? What caused it to change?
- This passage reminds us storms are inevitable in our lives.
- Where is Jesus in the storms we experience? How can we help each other survive them?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Romans 15:13. What words or phrase stands out to you?
- John Wesley had a moment where he finally felt God loved him, that he did not have to work for his salvation, it was simply a free gift. Our lives are lived in grateful response to God's gift.
- At what times in your life have you felt the most joy and peace?
- Are there conditions, habits or practices that help you connect with Christ's joy and peace when the storms rage?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

• Lord Jesus, help us to feel the same peace and joy John Wesley felt, knowing that you love us and there is nothing we can do about it. May we seek to live more like you each day, not to earn our salvation but as an act of grateful response to you. May people be attracted to you by the way we lives our lives in the world. It is in your resurrected name we pray together, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

• For more on Romans 5, check out this 4-day reading plan: https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/20313-holding-on-to-hope