3/2/25 Message Discussion Guide – Romans, pt. 4/ I'm Blessed

In this week's message, Pastor Tony continued our teaching series on the book of Romans, detailing just a few of the ways that, if you believe in Jesus, you are blessed in your life. It may sound cliché for Christians to tell you they're "blessed", even when they feel burdened or beaten down. But the truth of the matter is this: it's true. Regardless of situations or circumstances, believers are amazingly blessed.

For an opportunity to fellowship and discuss, in community, how to apply this teaching, get connected in a Life Group. Life Groups is where the BIG CHURCH gets small, and where you can GROW BIG.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

● Name a Christian cliche that frustrates you, and tell us why it gets on your nerves.
● **READ Romans 5:1-11**. Some may think it's cliché, and sometimes inauthentic, for Christians to say "I'm blessed." But Pastor Tony mentioned that one reason believers are always blessed, no matter what, is because "the Judge has reversed His decision." What did he mean by that, and what does it mean to be "justified"?
● Going deeper, what does it mean to be justified by <u>faith</u>, and why is it so difficult for Christ followers to understand that concept, and even live it out? How has it been a challenge for you to truly live out what it means to be justified by faith alone, and not by anything you could actually do to earn it?
● Why is it so natural for us to believe we're all reasonably good people, who occasionally have bad moments or bad days? What's the hard truth of the matter, as Paul spells it out in v. 6-10, and how does that hit you?
● Another way you're blessed if you're a believer is this: trouble in your life can be transformational. But what does that mean, as Paul spells it out in v. 3-4? What are some ways and even specific examples of how you've seen this to be true in your own life?
● Pastor Tony said that because we're so blessed, it's natural for God to be praised. We can rejoice and celebrate, again, regardless of what else is happening in life. What are some things for which you'd like to give God praise tonight?

TRUTH
● Romans 5:1-11
● Rom. 3:23, 4:3
● Ephesians 3:8-9