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**CONNECTION POINT**  
CHURCH



*Road to  
Resurrection*



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If you're a guest with us today, we want to meet you! Please take the time to fill out the Welcome Card in the attendance pad or in the back of the pew and bring it to the Welcome Center following today's service where we will have a gift waiting for you!

**Thanks for checking us out!**



**Welcome Gift** If you are a guest with us today please fill out the card in the attendance pad and then visit the welcome center where we have a gift for you!

**Connection Pads** are located in your row. Please take a minute to fill it out so we can better connect with each other.

**Prayer Request Cards** are located in the back of the rows. Please feel free to fill them out and drop them in the offering plate as it goes by.

**Text to Give** is now available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

**The Bridge the Gap Fund** sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store.

**New Church Directory App** is available now! If you need help accessing it please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!



We are continuing to partner with **Kids' Food Basket** for the month of March. This week, we are collecting fruit cups. Please drop them off to the church by Friday, March 20th. You can register for our church volunteer events at <http://connectionpoint.kfb.volunteerhub.com/> or contact John McDaniel. ***Impact 231 will be volunteering THIS WEEK, Wednesday, March 18.*** Our additional volunteer slot is Next week, March 25th from 6:30-7:30. They book up fast, so don't wait to sign up!! The above are the dining opportunities this week where a portion of your bill will go the Kids' Food Basket. Please consider visiting these locations to support a great cause!

**Impact 231** will be meeting Wednesday, March 18 at 6pm at the church.

**Youth Event** on March 22nd will be Axe Throwing! Make sure you sign up! And if you bring a friend, you both play for *FREE!!!*

**Marvelous Mondays** is meeting March 23 at Northside Pub.

**Next Steps Class** is March 29 right after church. It is the class in which we talk about what your next step spiritually may be and what Connection Point stands for and believes. This is also the class to take to become a member here. Sign up at the Welcome Center. If child care is needed, please indicate that when you sign up.

**Baptisms on Easter!** If you have not been baptized, we encourage you to be baptized. This is a way to take your step spiritually. See Pastor Aaron, Holly or Chase to be baptized on Easter.

## March 15, 2020 — Sermon Notes

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# Road to Resurrection

## Further Study

### Personal Reflection:

1. Have you ever had a moment when someone stood up for you? How did that make you feel?
2. What has been your greatest moment of suffering?

### Personal Study:

1. Read Romans 5:1-11
  - a. Paul is saying that when we are right with God we receive peace, grace, and hope. Describe when/if you have received peace, grace, and hope from God?
  - b. What does it look like to understand suffering as something to glory in?
  - c. How might suffering lead to perseverance, perseverance lead to character, and character lead to hope?
  - d. Describe the meaning of verse 8 in your own words.
2. Read Romans 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
  - a. In light of this passage and Paul's writings, how do we understand reconciliation?

### Personal Application:

1. What would it look like if you were able to see suffering from this perspective?
2. What is the greatest act of perseverance in your life?

### Personal Prayer:

Father, thank you for your desire for us to be reconciled to you. Please help me to see suffering as an opportunity to learn perseverance and for that to shape my character to be like Jesus. Please help me to continually accept the salvation you offer. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

### Group Conversation

#### Group Reflection:

1. Have you ever had a moment when someone stood up for you? How did that make you feel?
2. What has been your greatest moment of suffering? Perseverance?
3. What would our connect group look helped one another persevere?

#### Group Study:

1. Read Romans 5:1-11
  - a. Would you share a time when you sensed God's peace in a situation that from the outside it would make no sense to have peace?
  - b. What does it look like to understand suffering as something to glory in?
  - c. The Greek word translated to suffering is the same words used to describe metal refined by fire. How does that help us understand what Paul is writing?
  - d. How might suffering lead to perseverance, perseverance lead to character, and character lead to hope?
  - e. How does verse 8 make you think about Jesus? Why?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
  - a. How might this further help our understanding of what Paul is writing in Romans about reconciliation?
  - b. What might happen if we lived as a people trying to be reconciled with one another and with God?

#### Group Application:

1. How do we help one another through suffering?
2. How can we help model reconciliation?

#### Further Learning Opportunity:

- "The Peace Maker" by Ken Sande and "Life of the Beloved" by Henri Nouwen

#### Serving Opportunity:

- What are some ways we can model hope for others in the midst of suffering? So that, we can help them persevere.

#### Personal Spiritual Practice:

- Gratitude is a spiritual practice that helps us see God's grace and love in all circumstances. Spend time daily thanking God for His goodness. Spend time this week sharing with others your gratefulness for them.