

Praying Paul's Prayers - Small Group Discussion Questions
Romans 15:13 - The God of Hope

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Please watch the Midweek Message on Romans 15:13 before you discuss these questions.

The video focuses on what it means to say the LORD is the God of Hope. These questions will help us understand and apply the rest of the verse.

1. In this prayer we are asking God to fill us with joy and peace as we trust in him. Verses 1-12 will help us understand what it means to trust in him.
 - a) How is Jesus' described?

 - b) What has Jesus done?

 - c) How can believing these things fill us with joy and peace now in the midst of fears and troubles?

2. Look again at verse 13. What is the consequence of God filling us with joy and peace? (If you are struggling look for the "so that".)

3. The word 'you' in this verse is plural not singular. This is a prayer for the whole church not just ourselves.
 - a) What images come to mind when you read the word 'overflow'?

 - b) What do you think it will look like for BEC overflow with hope during lockdown?

 - c) What will it mean for our relationships with one another? (15:1-7 will help.)

 - d) What will be the evangelistic missionary consequences? (15:8-12 may help.)

4. Spend time using this verse to pray for one another and for the church.