

Growth Group Curriculum

FALL SEMESTER 2022

The Story of Everyone - Week 4 - Romans 3:9-20 - "The Equality of the Gospel"?

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REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

MY STORY

1. How do you feel about Paul's claim that "all [are] under sin"? Why do you feel like that?
2. How do you see the effects of your sin on your life, thoughts and relationships?
3. How do you respond to the truth that God sought you out before you sought Him out? What difference will it make to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Romans 3:1-8; what does Paul emphasize in this section?
 2. Read Romans 3:9-20 and consider the following questions:
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- a. Can you think of a reason why Paul may have chosen to quote so much from the Old Testament?
 - i. How does it feel to be confronted with a wrong you've committed?
 - b. Why do rebels need the gospel? How would you explain this to someone who rejects the existence of God?
 - c. Why do good people need the gospel? How would you explain this to someone who thinks they are good enough for God?
3. In verse 25, Paul combines three references to worship at the temple: "put Jesus forth" or "presented him" (as a priest would put forth the showbread on the altar), the "place of mercy" or the "mercy seat" (the center of God's presence in the Holy of Holies), and the blood (or death) of the sacrificed animal for atonement of sin. In light of this imagery, how has God been faithful to His historical plan for salvation through Christ?
 4. Why do you need the gospel? How do you remind your heart of this when it is tempted to feel pride about goodness or despair about sin?

Taking it Home - Pray

This week, spend some time in silence reflecting on the message that has been entrusted to you. Pray that the way that you treat others, the way that you use your time and money, and the state of your heart is a message of the gospel to the world around you. Pray that the name "Christian" and your life are consistent and not deceptive.



Prayer Requests:

Important dates:

- [January 29 - Winter Groups Launch](#)
- [February 22 - Lent Begins Ash Wednesday](#)
- [Mar 5 - Baptism Sunday - Event after church](#)
- [Mar 29 - Core Night](#)
- [April 7 - Good Friday - snacks](#)
- [April 9 - Easter Sunday](#)
- [April 23 - The Gospel According to Abraham](#)

