

Growth Group Curriculum

WINTER SEMESTER 2023

The Story of Everyone - Week 5 - Romans 3:21-31 - "A Candle in the Dark"?

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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. If you had a minute in an elevator to explain to someone how we can be right with God, what would you say?
2. Do you tend to forget God's justice, or God's justification? How does forgetting one or the other affect your feelings, your outlook, and/or your actions?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is the main point that Paul is making in Romans 3:21-31 about righteousness?
 2. How does Paul explain the concept of justification in this passage?
 3. Verse 21 seems to imply that before "now," the "righteousness of God" was disclosed through the law. See if you can come up with a way to explain that to a child?
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4. In verse 31 Paul says that the law is not abolished and that it cannot be fulfilled by works. Instead it is fulfilled by faith. How does this put Jews and Gentiles on the same footing before God?
 5. See if you (or working as a group) can restate Paul's teaching in Romans 3 in order to communicate the message of Christ to someone who may not be familiar with Christianity?

Taking it Home - Pray

This week in your devotional time, consider that your faith in Jesus replaces your faith in the Law. Ask God to show you the implications of Jesus being the object of your faith.

Prayer Requests:

Important dates:

- [Mar 29 - Core Night](#)
- [April 7 - Good Friday](#)
- [April 9 - Easter Sunday](#)
- [April 23 - Series Launch, Spring Growth Groups begin](#)