

Jesus is the Justifier

Message Notes

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Heart Crew Homework

For the week of September 23/24, 2023

MY STORY

1. Let's have a little fun and get to know each other a little more this week. Answer the following questions:
 - a. You are going back to school for one day, what year would you choose to go back to and why?

 - b. Finish this sentence, "I know it is Fall when..."

 - c. It's time to build your own pizza! What are your favorite toppings?

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend, Pastor Dan talked about how Jesus' death and resurrection justifies us before God. However, accepting Jesus' forgiveness of our sins is just the beginning of what Jesus wants to do for us. Let's read Romans 5:1-11.
 - a. What promises does Paul list in these verses? (There are quite a few.)

b. Which promise touches you most and why?

2. After sharing the many benefits of Jesus' sacrifice, Paul goes on to explain more about Jesus' death and resurrection in relation to sin. Let's keep reading with Romans 5:12-21.

a. As you read these verses, did you learn anything new? If so, what did you learn?

b. Why is the difference between the sin of Adam and the righteousness of Jesus so significant and essential for us to understand? What benefits do we receive because of Jesus' righteousness?

3. Paul paints a vivid picture of the lengths God went to that He might reconcile the world to Himself. Paul goes on to talk about what comes next after the death of sin for the believer...life in Christ. Keep reading Romans 6:1-14.

a. This is such an exciting portion of scripture! What are the promises Paul give us here?

- b. As you read through and wrote down those promises, which ones are the most exciting or encouraging to you and why?

 - c. Which ones are the hardest for you to believe and why?
4. Dan encouraged us this week to “repent and receive.” To repent means to completely turn around and walk in the opposite direction. Let’s look at a quick story about a man who experienced this firsthand in Luke 19:1-10. How do we see Zacchaeus repent and receive?
- a. Is there an area of your life where you need to experience this same kind of radical transformation?

TAKING IT HOME

Sometimes receiving Jesus’ forgiveness and in turn justification is hard because we do not feel worthy of Jesus’ sacrifice.

If you have been reading through the Gospels with us, well done! No matter how far you have gotten, keep going!! Pick up where you left off and continue to meet Jesus.

Here are the chapters for this week:

Today – Mark 15-Luke 1

Thursday – Luke 11-13

Monday - Luke 2-4

Friday – Luke 14-16

Tuesday – Luke 5-7

Saturday – Luke 17-19

Wednesday – Luke 8-10