

Community Group Questions (Romans 3:1-21)

1. Read Romans 3:1-21. What did you find encouraging or helpful from this week's passage and message?
2. Many scholars and commentators have spoken of verses 21-26 as the most important paragraph ever written. Why do you think this paragraph is so important for understanding the gospel?
3. In your own words, what does Paul mean by saying that "the righteousness of God has been manifested"?
4. The Book of Romans helps us understand that both unrighteousness and self-righteousness are problems. In what ways do each of these pose a problem?
5. Verse 21 says that the Law and the prophets bore witness to the righteousness of God that is apart from the Law. We looked at two Old Testament examples of this from Genesis 3 and Zechariah 3. How do these images (coverings, and clean garments) help you understand what Jesus has done for us?
6. This passage helps us understand that the object of our faith is more important than the intensity of our faith. How might that be misunderstood, and how would you explain a proper understanding of that truth?
7. Justification is more than forgiveness. How would you explain the difference between those two things, and what is the practical benefit of understanding that difference?
8. Having received God's righteousness by faith, what should our relationship with the law look like?