

DATE: April 30th, 2023

TITLE: The Whole Story of the Bible in About 16 Verses.
Episode #15: Justification

SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:21-26

SPEAKER: Stu Dix

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Have someone in your group talk about a time they had to appear before a judge. What emotions did they have? What was the verdict?

THINK BACK: Referring back to this week's sermon... What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture AS IT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK? Was there anything that left you with questions?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Read Romans 3:21-26.**
- Which words capture your attention? Why?
- What's a good definition of righteousness? What's a good definition of grace?
- What does Romans 3:21-26 teach us about ourselves?
- What does Romans 3:21-26 teach us about God?
- What do you like or dislike about the statement, "There is nothing I can do to make God love me more, and nothing I have done that makes God love me less." (JD Greear)?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Psalm 7:17
- Romans 3:10-12
- Romans 8:1
- Romans 8:31-34
- Romans 12:1-2
- Romans 6:1
- Romans 6:11-13

APPLICATION

Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion.

Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life?

What does God want you to know or do?

What's one thing from this text that you could say to an unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text.

Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

REMINDERS

Check the bulletin and monthly newsletter for special announcements and events.

- Ask about ideas to serve in some way together. Serve 1x every six weeks or so.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!! One way to reach 'out' together is to welcome people 'in.'
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Check the events page on the website for ways that you could get plugged in and events here at FCC. Here are a couple of those things:

-Pick a date this Summer to serve one Sunday in KidZone
Contact Bobbi at bobbiblanchard@homeforever.org

-Faith Training Class: History of the Bible
April 30th immediately following 2nd service! \$10 for lunch!

-Have a senior this year? Get your pictures to Pastor Ben to be part of our Senior Sunday Slideshow!