

Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.

Learning

Knowing God

Key Doctrines

- *Christ* – Jesus’s life of obedience and his obedient death is counted by God as “righteousness,” i.e. a fully righteous human life.
- *Salvation* – Justification is to be “declared righteous” by God; and for the Christian the ground of our salvation is built on being declared righteous by God by having Christ’s obedient life “counted” to us, and our sin “counted” to him in his obedient death. We receive this justification by faith alone.

Key Observations

- *Read:* 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 10:1-18, Romans 5:18-21.
 - How do you see the New Testament authors describe Christ’s life in these passages?
- How do these passages relate Jesus’ sinless life to his sacrificial death?

- How does the passage in 2 Corinthians 5 and Romans 5 relate Jesus’ sinless life and sacrificial death to us and our condition?

- *Read:* Romans 4:1 – 5:2; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:2-11; Luke 18:9-14.

- How do these passages express the way in which we, as sinful human beings, are justified before God?

- What do these passages describe as the object of our faith; that is what are we to “believe in” for justification?

- How does the tax collector represent, in Jesus’ parable, the one who is justified by faith?

- What was anything additional that stood out to you about this week’s sermon on faith alone?

Listening

Responding to God

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to respond?

Loving

Obeying God

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?

- This week I am committed to praying for _____ about:

Checking Out

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?

- Close in Prayer and Read Romans 5:1-2.