

Small Group Bible Study / Discussion

(Adapted from *Adult Questions for LESSONmaker*)

Sermon Series: *Romans*

Sermon Title: The Truth about Sin, Death, and Eternal Life

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Passage: Romans 5:12-21

Think about it

What advantages and experiences have you had that many others in the world have not?
In what ways can the decisions of a few leaders change the lives of millions of people?
What experiences have you had with death?

Examine it

What did Adam introduce into the world and pass on to his descendants? (5:12)
What is the root cause of death? (5:12)
How did the coming of God's law affect the presence of sin in the world? (5:13)
How did the coming of God's law affect our understanding of what sin is? (5:13)
What was in control between Adam's time and Moses' time (the law)? (5:14)
What came into the world through Jesus Christ? (5:15)
What is God's solution to the inevitable problem of sin and death? (5:16-17)
In what ways are the acts of Jesus and Adam similar? (5:18-19)
What is the relationship between the amount of sin and grace in the world? (5:20)
What effect did God's righteous law have on rebellious people? (5:20)
What does sin in this world bring? (5:21)
What does grace given by God to this world bring? (5:21)

Discuss it

In what ways are all people the same?
What does it mean that we are part of a "fallen race"?
What fears or anticipation do you have about death?
What effect did Christ's death on the cross have on your life?
At what point in your life did you realize you were guilty of sin?
At what point in your life did you realize God's love for you?
How can God justly judge us for Adam's sin?
How can a person have his or her sins forgiven by God?
What makes Jesus' action more powerful than Adam's?
How can knowing you are forgiven and righteous before God through Jesus Christ affect your attitudes and actions?

Live it out

How have you seen God's grace / gift in your life?
In what ways can you thank God today for the grace He has shown you?
What can you do this week for unsaved friends still suffering from the consequences of sin?

Pray about it

What does this study prompt you to pray about?

...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

Additional passage for meditation or memory: Psa. 51:5; 58:3; Eph. 2:3; 1 Cor. 15:45-49; John 1:12

Next week's passage: Romans 6:1-14