

Life Group Discussion Guide

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Romans 3:21-26
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ROMANS TRANSFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Righteousness cannot be achieved by human effort. God is absolutely holy and pure and there is nothing that is hidden in His sight. We have no chance of being right or acceptable before God with our own effort.

Righteousness is achieved through faith in Jesus Christ. He became our sacrifice of atonement when He took all our sins upon Himself as He hung on the cross. Our reaction to this precious gift of love and grace should be to share this faith and love with others. We become a reflection of Christ's love and grace in all we do.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about a time when you felt hopeless, stuck or in trouble and about the time when those negative emotions were peaking, someone or something came along and saved the day.
2. Faith plays an essential role for our receiving righteousness from God. A little kid asks you what faith is. How would you explain faith to them?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Romans 3:21. What is the righteousness from God? What does God's decision to make His own Son the sacrifice of atonement say about God?
2. Read Romans 3:23. Why should falling short of God's glory matter to us? Why isn't it enough for us to be simply human and imperfect?
3. How is the faith God asks from you different from an emotion you feel or stir up to get what you want? Is faith simply a feeling or state of mind? Explain.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What's the problem with trying to do things in order to earn favor with God? Why is that never sufficient?
2. When the woman caught in adultery left Jesus' feet, she didn't leave as a dog in Jesus' eyes. In Jesus' eyes, because of grace, she could stand up straight and walk with the confidence of a perfect, unflawed creation of God. Do you feel the same? Do you hold your head up and walk with that level of confidence?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Do this and live!" the Law demands,
But gives me neither feet nor hands.
A better word God's grace does bring,
It bids me fly and gives me wings.

– Kenneth West, Romans in the Greek New Testament



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