

Life Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 15th | Romans 3:21-31

Groups should care, learn, and pray together, using these questions as a guide to respond to God.

Digging Into the Text & Sermon

1. In Romans 1:18–3:20, Paul strips away every excuse until we have nothing left to stand on. Can you share a time God brought you to the "end of yourself" and how did that deepen your appreciation for the "But now" of the gospel (v. 21)?

2. When you feel spiritually weak or full of doubt, do you tend to pull back from God? How would your walk change this week if you rested on Christ's faithfulness rather than the strength of your own faith?

3. Verse 24 highlights three realities: justified (declared not guilty and welcomed into God's family), grace (undeserved favor), and redemption (liberation at a cost). Which of these is hardest for you to accept as completely free, and why?

4. Justification is both a legal verdict "not guilty" and a welcome into God's covenant family. Which aspect—being cleared of guilt or belonging to His family—resonates more with you right now?

5. At the cross, God judges sin while bearing the cost Himself (vv. 25–26). Which is harder to live in light of—believing God truly hates your sin, or believing His mercy has completely paid for it?

6. Paul says boasting is excluded (v. 27). How can religious pride or comparison still sneak into church life—or your own life—even when we believe in salvation by faith alone?

7. Paul writes that faith upholds the law (v. 31). Where do you tend to obey God out of pressure to earn His approval rather than gratitude, and what would resting in His grace look like this week?

Personal Application

1. We often carry an "invisible courtroom" constantly defending our record or proving our worth. Where (work, parenting, church, relationships) are you most tempted to act as your own defense attorney?
2. If someone asked you to explain the gospel, how would you do it using this text?