

## THE GOSPEL IS GRACE

ROMANS 5:12-21 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD  
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***Only through the grace of Jesus Christ will I be able to gain abundant and eternal life.***

- ***The crisis: Adam brought sin and death upon us all (5:12-14)***
- ***The solution: Jesus offers the free gift of himself (5:15-17)***
- ***The result: I can be justified and live (5:18-21)***

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does God have that you want more of? Why does it appeal to you?
- Genesis 3:6-8 gives us details about the crisis of sin mentioned in Romans 5:12. What motivated Adam and Eve to sin? How are their motivations similar to (or different than) yours?
- When Adam and Eve hid, they sunk deeper into their spiritual crisis. What emotion drove them into hiding? (See Genesis 3:10) Do these emotions ever lead you to hide from God, and if so, why?
- As Adam and Eve leave the garden, God provides garments to cover them. Remember, Adam and Eve felt that nakedness was a reason to hide from God, so receiving clothes was a generous act done at God's expense. Do you believe God is gracious enough to cover your worst sin? Why might we doubt this at times?

- How does the gift of grace help you manage the consequences of sinful choices on a day to day basis? What does God's grace look like in your life?
  
- If you have received the free-gift or righteousness through saving faith in Jesus, grace has been super-abundantly applied to your life. You have more grace than you deserve all the time. Have you been known as a gracious person? What does grace look like as you share it with others?

***For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:17)***

- Look at what you want from the week ahead and consider what will happen as you pursue your desires. Identify one or two pursuits that look good but kill your spiritual life. How will you move away from these pursuits this week?
  
- List pursuits that will lead you to experience more grace and righteousness. How will you make time for these pursuits this week?