

Romans 3:21-26 Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application*:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. If you had a minute in an elevator to explain to someone how we can be right with God, what would you say?
2. Do you tend to forget God's justice, or God's justification? How does forgetting one or the other affect your feelings, your outlook, and/or your actions?
3. How has this section moved you to praise the God who justifies?

Group Discussion Guide:

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are optional:

1. Reread Romans 3:21-26. As a group come up with **a one-sentence summary** for each of this passage. Be sure to include what God has done and why?
2. Summarize what this passage teaches about the following: 1) Scripture, 2) Grace, 3) Faith, 4) Christ, 5) God.
3. What insights resonated for you this week from Romans 3? What questions do you have about this passage?
4. From what is in this passage why might it be called the heart of the cross or the pinnacle of the Bible?
5. The Protestant Reformation of 500 years ago is actually a reconnection to the biblical gospel of 2000 years ago. It is a return to 5 pillars called The 5 Solas or (the 5 "alones"). A summary statement may say, "*salvation is by grace alone (sola gratia), through faith alone (sola fide), in Christ alone (sola Christos), based on scripture alone (sola scriptura), to the glory of God alone (soli deo gloria).*" Based on Romans so far, what is your response? Why?
6. A significant reason for the reformation is the question of authority, whether scripture, or Popes and Councils, or popular opinion, etc. Many today claim Self as their ultimate authority. Respond. What is your ultimate authority? How can you tell?