

# ROMANS

an invitation to the story that changes everything

## THE GREAT EXCHANGE

*Romans 5:12-21 | Romans Chapter 5 | Pastor Savannah White*

### SERMON SUMMARY

Continuing through the book of Romans, Pastor Savannah takes a look at Romans 5:12-21, where Paul reminds us that the gift of God's grace is not like our sin; it surpasses it. While we often are tempted to treat grace like it just "cancels out" our sin, Paul calls us to acknowledge the abundance of God's grace, which saves us AND invites us into a new way of living.

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 In Romans 5:15, Paul says "The gift is not like the trespass," meaning sin and grace are not equal forces. Why is this good news for us?
- 2 Think of the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Why do you think the son feels the need to rehearse a speech in his head, coming up with a solution before even bringing it to his father? In what ways do we do the same thing?
- 3 Sometimes we only allow ourselves to have proximity to God after we mess up, but not relationship with Him. What does it look like to live a life of only proximity with Him?
- 4 What Jesus did on the cross brought justification AND life, not just righting a wrong but inviting us into relationship with Him. What are some practices you have in your life that grow that relationship?
- 5 How should an understanding of God's abundant grace also influence how we respond to the mistakes of other people?