

# The Gospel From every Angle

## Gospel as Righteousness

### Romans 3:21-31

# TALK IT OVER

#### Passages

*"21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law." – Romans 3:21-31 (ESV)*

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#### Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- When is our next outreach party? See page 4 for ideas
- When is our next mission we would like to participate in?
- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

#### Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Use your Bible to look up Romans 3:21-31. If your bible has study notes in the text what do they say?
- Do we need the law? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to be righteous? What actually makes a person righteous?

#### Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Is there a part of you that wants to justify yourself and in what ways? Why or why not?
- What feelings do you have when you try to rely on faith and not works?

#### Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- When you are having a day when you feel like you can't do anything right, rely on the truth of the Gospel! You are forgiven!
- Jesus desires that we are doers of the word, and not hearers only. Please create an "I will" or "I believe" statement that describes how you will take action based on today's biblical teaching.

#### Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

#### Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.