

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Understanding Justification (Pt 3) – Matt Slocum

30 June 2024

Sermon Text: Luke 4:16-30

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Matt finishes up looking at what it means to be “justified” in his message, **Understanding Justification (Part 3)**. One of the keys to understanding justification is to realize we bring nothing to the table. It’s not at all about us, but totally on the work of Jesus. Let’s get started.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to take a few moments and look at your life to see if you are living a life meant to get you to heaven or living a life which brings heaven to earth and spreads God’s rule and reign. What did you come up with?
2. Why do you think Jesus referenced two gentiles (Zarephath and Naaman) while teaching about justification instead of the Israelites?
3. Any time we insert some sort of merit for our justification, we defile the Gospel. What do you think about this statement? How does it defile the Gospel?
4. This week, the question we face is, “Where does your faith lie?” Where do we get our idea of being justified with God? Is it in Christ alone? Or is it in a combination of things?

## APPLICATION

Explore your mind this week and see if you think there are things you do or say that make God like you more. Do you think there are things you do or say that make God like you less? How do these questions and thoughts line up with what it means to be justified with God?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Do you go somewhere to watch fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?
2. Do you have a favorite 4<sup>th</sup> of July activity?
3. Do you attend fairs (County or State)? What is your favorite thing to do at the fair?

## COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can be found in all three locations.

**Kids Camp**, 10-12 July from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Power Play. Register here: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sr5sc4m/register>

**Kids Camp Family Night**, 12 July at 6:30pm. We will celebrate the end of Kids Camp with baptisms, worship, and treats. 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO

**Baptisms**, 21 July at 9:00 and 11:00. Baptism class will be held on 14 July in the library at 10:30. Sign up at <https://share.fluro.io/form/621d4ae5c7586f006d2fc05c>

## FINAL THOUGHT

**That which cannot be earned by moral perfection,  
cannot be lost by moral imperfection.**