

Sermon Discussion Questions

Understanding Justification (Pt 2) – Matt Slocum
23 June 2024
Sermon Text: Romans 3:21-26

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 continues to explore how we are “justified” in his message Understanding Justification (Part 2). As we unpack what it means to be justified, we see that we are not made right with God just so we make it to heaven, but that we are justified so we can bring God’s rule and reign to the entire world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to spend some time thinking about these formulas:

Faith = Justification + Works

Not, Faith + Works = Justification

Where did you find yourself in relation to these formulas? Where should you be?

2. Was there something special that stood out to you from Matt’s message this week?

3. What happens when we try to simplify the idea of justification?

4. The Torah is the story of God’s plan to partner with humans in ruling the world in righteousness. How does this partnership play out in the Bible? How does God work to restore this partnership after Eden? (Hint: Abraham and Jesus).

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. What is your best fish story? (otherwise known as “the one that got away”)
2. What is the spiciest thing you have ever eaten? How did it work out for you?
3. If you could take a trip to anyplace in the world, where would you go? Why?

5. Justification is possible because Jesus upheld the covenant with God. Through Him we can return to our original design – to be God’s representative to the world. What does this look like in our own lives? How are we supposed to live this out?

APPLICATION

Take a few moments this week to look at your life and see if you are living a life meant to get you to heaven or if you are living a life which brings heaven to earth and spreads God’s rule and reign.

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

**If you feel like you are just treading water,
You don’t know what you were saved for.**