**Edify Small Group Handout**
**Sermon October 18, 2026**
**Justification By Faith Alone (Rom 3:27-31) by John Gomez**

1. **Opening: Read & Reflect:** Begin by reading the passage together. Have someone briefly summarize Sunday's sermon.

   a. **Main Point: Justification by faith alone must be rightly understood and passionately defended**

   b. **Grand Points of the Text :**
      i. This doctrine excludes all human boasting and gives God all the glory
      ii. This doctrine demonstrates that there is One God & Savior of all
      iii. This doctrine upholds the law of God

   c. **Opening question:** What stood out to you, challenged you, or encouraged you from Sunday's sermon?

2. **LEARN: What does this section of scripture teach us?**

   **a. Point 1: This doctrine excludes all human boasting and gives God all the glory (v. 27-28)**

   (1) How important is Justification by faith alone is to You? Why?

   (2) Read Philippians 3:4-9. What are some things you personally could boast about, if you had any confidence in what you can do? Why are each of those things actually not something you can boast about regarding your justification and righteousness in Christ?

   (3) When you listed all the things you could boast about in your flesh, what emotion were you feeling? Was that in line with the fact that you are a sinner?

   (4) In what different ways is the word “law”“ used in the Bible? How is it used in the Old Testament? In the New Testament? In Which sense is Paul using it in these verses?

   (5) Why is it important to not believe that we add anything to our salvation?

   (6) Does your continued good works ensure you keeping your salvation?

   (7) Do we participate in our sanctification? If so, how that different from Salvation?

   (8) What part does Soli Deo Gloria play in the correct understanding of God’s grace vs Man works in Salvation?

   **b. Point 2**: **This doctrine demonstrates that there is One God & Savior of all (v. 29-30)**

   (1) Is there a difference between God being the “creator of all”, and God being the “father of all?” What is that difference? How is the correct understanding of that important to understanding the grace of God?

   (2) When did God plan for the salvation of both Jews and Gentiles? What verses support your answer?

   (3) Are there two people of God (Jew and Gentile), or is there one people of God? Why?

(4) How important is that in considering Church unity?

(5) What things have you seen people in church divide over? What things would you leave/split church over?

(6) What things have you been offended by at this church? How did you handle it?

(7) How should we deal with differences of opinion I the Church Body?

**c. Point 3: This doctrine upholds the law of God (v. 31)**

(1) Does justification by faith alone abolish the whole Torah? Why or why not?

(2) If we are to keep the Old Testament, how do we apply it? Live it out?

(3) Are we to literally apply all of the Old Testament law? What about the feasts, sacrifices, the tithe? Is there a difference in the moral law, governmental law and ceremonial law in the Torah?

(4) How do we follow the fulfillment of the law and still live a life based on faith

d. **Applications:** How do we apply these teachings in a genuine fashion?

(1) Do you love the Law of God? Do you love the rules of God? The way of God? The power of God?

(2) How does that impact how you worship, pray, live?

(3) How does James 2:14-24 effect the understanding of salvation only by faith? How is faith without works dead?

(4) Why should we still seek to do “Good Works” if we are saved by grace?

3. **Homework/contemplation/meditation:** What are some specific applications in my life I can do this week grow in my understanding of living a life of good works while still living in grace?

4. **Closing:** *Praying for one another*