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## One FOR All: Romans 5:12-20

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### *Small Group Discussion Questions*

#### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

#### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

#### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### **Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?***

***Take some time to look up and read: Romans 5:12-20***

1. What big ideas does Paul work to communicate in these verses about: Adam, sin, God’s grace, and the law.

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#### **Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?***

***Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life***

2. How is it that we can be declared guilty for something Adam did thousands of years ago?
3. Sin is a deep discrepancy between who we are and who we were created to be. Adam is like a *pattern*; he is the counterpart of Christ. Just as Adam was a representative of created humanity, so is Christ the representative of a new spiritual humanity.
  - In what ways does humanity follow the *pattern* of Adam?
  - In what ways is this pattern exchanged, broken, and changed through Christ?
4. Paul has shown that keeping the law does not bring salvation. Here he adds that breaking the law is not what brings death. Death is the result of Adam’s sin and of the sins we all commit. The law was added, Paul explains, to help people see their sinfulness, to show them the seriousness of their offenses, and to drive them to God for mercy and pardon. When Jesus becomes the Lord of our life, we are free to obey – out of love, not necessity, and through God’s power, not your own.
  - Why is it easy and attractive to believe that following the law will bring salvation and favor with God?
  - How does the law help us to see our need for God?
  - How does God empower and equip us to follow his word and his ways?

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#### **Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.**

5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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**We’re here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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