

## Sermon Discussion Questions:

Our Need for a Savior; Rm 5:12-21

**Main Idea:** We need a Savior to provide relational peace with God, our Father. We have a sin problem that demands judgment, and the Law reveals sin but cannot rescue us, so we are hopeless to save ourselves, which means we must seek rescue and reconciliation in our Emmanuel.

**Application:** Recognize/respond to the depth of your own personal need for a Savior this advent season. Jesus came to eliminate distance between us and our Father.

**Launching Question:** Why can we be so quick during the Christmas season to talk about Jesus, but live distracted lives apart from Him?

### Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean that Adam and Eve had relational peace with God before sin?
- Read Romans 3:10-12. Why is it important for us personally to understand and meditate on this scripture? (If stuck- how does it speak to our need for a Savior, why is it important to get that?)
- Read Genesis 3:22-24; *slow down and concentrate on v23, and 24a*. Why is this physically and spiritually devastating?
  - Knowing what you do about God- why is the word “Distance” or “Distant” something you’d never want associated with your name and God your Father?
- How does advent reveal God’s desire to close and eliminate distance with us?

### Application Questions:

*\*Note for discussion leader\*:* I believe God wants to close the distance with many among us. Spend as much time as necessary here, in confession, encouragement, and prayer. Let’s give space for how the Holy Spirit wants to move amongst us tonight. I love you all! - Stephen

- How are you feeling “distant” from our Father tonight? Any idea what is causing it?
  - Also, what situations in your life seem far from God’s care or nearness?
  - How can we pray for you?
- Read Ephesians 2:11-12. Encourage with truth, identify/pray against lies from our Adversary.

<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Lie- God is distant from me or my situations.

Truth- God is not distant at all, this is only a feeling caused by the consequences of sin. Our Emmanuel has come! God is near. The Holy Spirit is within us. Jesus came to bring relational peace with the Father. It is yours in Christ!

### Prayer as led based on discussion

- How else can we pray for you tonight?
- How do we need to pray against the busyness of the Christmas season? (Mark 6:30-31)