



DIGGING DEEPER

Romans 1-3 – Justification

The Glory of the Cross

PLEASE READ – Rom 3v9-26

GETTING STARTED

In what sense is the righteousness of God revealed in the gospel? (Rom 1v17-18)

Note – there are probably 2 main ways...

If a 6-year-old child asked you what righteousness is, what would you say?

1) God – Righteous Judge

Talk about God's wrath in 1v18 and 2v5. What do you notice about the tense Paul uses?

What does God hold us to account for and how does that make you feel? (See 2v6 and 2v16)

2) Man – Guilty Defendant

Look again at some of the language Paul uses to describe the human heart and the human way in Rom 1v29-32 / 2v5-8 / 3v9-18. What language is most striking to you?

3) How can I be in the right with a righteous God when I am unrighteous?

Read through 3v19-26 and chat about how Paul answers the question above.

Notice – there is a man-made way that is destined to fail, and a God designed way that is guaranteed to succeed!

What must our faith be in? See also 2 Cor 5v21

Have a look at Rom 8v1 and chat about how you would use that verse to comfort a Christian who is struggling with guilt...

Meditate on the words below...

Rom 1v16-17: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’