

Justification

God is a Merciful Judge forgiving the disobedient and lifting their guilt.

Romans 3:19-26

Getting Started

- What do you think so far of the concept of the Multifaceted Gospel? Do you think you have had a shallow, or one sided, view of the work of Christ?
- Look at the Summary Chart posted on the website. Which of the six expressions of the Gospel do you most connect with or need to grow in?
- Tell the group about a friend who doesn't know the Lord. Share about his or her life and their struggles. Discuss which of the six facets of the Gospel could be an entry point for your friend.

Digging into the Word

We have all sinned and are guilty before God.

- How do you define sin? What does it mean in verse 23 to “*fall short of the glory of God*”?
- How does guilt manifest in your life? Do you think the non-Christians in your life are aware of their guilt?

We can't be made right by the law or our own efforts.

- What does verse 20 say about the law's role in justification? How is the law useful to us?
- What are the ways people try to deal with their sin and guilt outside of Christ? How do you? Consider this blog post on [“Sinful Ways to Deal with our Sin.”](#)

We are only justified by God's grace through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus.

- What is justification? How do verses 24-25 say we are justified? What does propitiation mean? Consider 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Colossians 2:13-14.
- What does it mean in verse 26 that God is both Just and the Justifier?
- Apart from God's grace, do you tend to wallow in your guilt or stand up tall in your own self-righteousness?
- How can justification be used as an entry point to share the Gospel with a co-worker, friend, or family member in your life?

Taking it Home

- How can you live in the reality this week that your wrongs have been forgiven and you are now counted as righteous before God?