



Problem Solved

February 24th

Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 3:21-31. What stands out to you in these verses? Why?
2. Up until this point of the letter, Paul has mainly been talking about the problem. Why do you think it was so important for him to build up the problem before hitting his main point in Romans 3:21-31?
3. Last week we discussed the claim that we are all in the “same boat” (Romans 3:9, 23). How does this week address that issue?
4. Paul juxtaposes to things: works and grace. How does the idea of a relationship with God absent of performance sit with you? Why?
5. Is it logical to say, as some in Rome tried, “I have been accepted and loved by grace so now I can live anyway I want”? Why or why not?
6. John 1:14 mentions Jesus, the only Son of God, being “full of grace and truth”. How do these two concepts coexist?
7. How do they function in our relationships? Why are they both so critical?

8. Just as God extends grace, we must extend grace to others if we are going to follow Jesus. Why is grace so essential to your relationships? When is it hardest to extend?
9. How would you explain the grace of God to someone else?
10. If grace is a gift (Romans 3:24), how do you know if/when you have it? What difference does it make or create in you?
11. Where do you feel you need to apply a better understanding of God's grace in your life?
12. How can you begin the journey of extending grace to others?
13. If you have never responded to the grace of God, as Romans 3:21-24 describes, what might be holding you back?

Conclusion

Conclude your group time with a prayer to better understand and experience the gift of grace in your relationship with God. Then, pray that you would be able to extend that grace to others. Try focusing on one or two of your relationships that are in particular need of grace.

Write down two people to whom you would like to extend greater grace:

1. _____

2. _____