CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read Romans 3:21-31. Why do you think it's important for us to recognize that we "have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"?
- 4) 4) Despite our sin, God "justified [us] freely by his grace" through Christ (see Rom. 5:8). We receive this grace through faith in Christ. What does "faith" look like? How should it impact the way we live?
- 5) How can we demonstrate humility in Christ (see Luke 18:9-14)? How can we extend God's grace to our families, friends, neighbors, and world?
- 6) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

Memory Passage

. . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

— Romans 3:23-24 (NIV)

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10:00 AM

Call to Worship Bethany Ochoa

Songs of Praise "O Taste and See"

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Prayer Phil Marozick

Announcements / Greet One Another

Sermon Pastor Travis

Humility and Grace •

Communion

Song of Praise "Jesus Paid it All"

"Doxology"

Benediction

Romans 3:21-31 (NIV)

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. ³¹ Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

Notes:

Humility and Grace
