

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: One Judgement, One Rescue

Reading: Romans 3: 9-31

Date: 11th February 2024 (AM)

Has anyone had any answers to prayer in the last week that they can share with the group? Share any personal prayer requests and spend a few minutes praying for one another.

Read verses 9-31

1. Why do 'bad people' need the gospel? Why do 'good people' need the gospel? Why do you need the gospel?
2. What is and isn't the Law for? (v.20, 21, 31)
3. What do the three key gospel words mean (v.24-25); justification, redemption and propitiation? Now, explain them more simply as for an unbelieving friend. For you, how do they demonstrate the richness of the gospel message and lead you to praise?
4. God is both Just and the one who justifies sinners? (v.26) How is God able to do both? How might you use this truth to explain the gospel to a friend concerned with 'issues of justice'?
5. Paul's conclusion is that there is no place for boasting (v.27) or by implication no place for shame! When might we be tempted to feel like this? How is the gospel an antidote to both?
6. How might the truths in this passage shape our welcome to newcomers and outsiders?

Pray

- *Since all are invited by his grace, pray that we would be a genuinely welcoming church to newcomers and those exploring faith.*