



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families

For the week of March 12, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- Name one positive and one negative trait you inherited from your family of origin.

Romans 5:12-21

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

In the first part of Romans 5, Paul declared that Christ overcame the barrier between God and us, and we are assured that we will join Him in glory. In this next section, Paul shows us that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ overcomes sin and death.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

- **Adam has had an impact on us all. What is that impact?**
- **Describe the relationship between sin and death. (12)**
- **“Because all sinned” (12) tells us that all of humanity sinned in a single, past action. Why is it important to note that all die, not because the sinned like Adam, but in Adam? (13-14)**
- **Paul’s teaching about Adam’s headship is often deeply offensive to modern people. Why?**

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one

man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

- **How are Adam and Christ different?**
- **What are the effects of Adam's trespass?**
- **What are the effects of the gift of Jesus?**

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **How are Adam and Christ similar? (18-19)**
- **Why did God give us His Law? (20-21)**
- **If Christ is our representative, whatever is true of Him in God's eyes is true of us. How do you personally react to this teaching?**
- **Pray together in light of this week's passage.**

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