

Grace Group Questions

03-10-2019 – Selected Scriptures – What is Justification?

REMINDER: The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. Sermon Passage:

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?

- Can you outline the sermon?

2. Observation – What did you hear?

- Define justification? What verses helped you better understand the Biblical definition of justification?

- What two works must God accomplish in order to justify the sinner? (Hint – one is subtraction and the other is addition, otherwise known as 'the double cure'). Explain why both of these are essential.

- How does God remove our sins? cf. Rom. 3:24

- Identify some of the many benefits of justification. How does one's relationship with God improve after justification?

3. Interpretation – What does it mean?

- The Bible is replete with language that identifies our union and relationship with God. The phrase '*in Him*' occurs 155 times in the NT. What does this prepositional phrase mean?

- What is the difference between justification and sanctification? Why is it crucial to understand the difference? What dangers can a believer fall victim to if he/she misconstrues these doctrines?

4. Application – How does this apply?

- Describe how your life was transformed when you were justified? How did you know you were justified? What about your life looked different when you were justified?

- Do you struggle with legalism? What are some practical suggestions that you have found helpful in your fight against a performance-based relationship with God?

- Take some time as a group to pray for someone who needs to be justified by God's grace. Share their name and devise a plan how you can personally be involved in communicating the gospel to them.

5. Prayer ...