



God (He is Here and He is Not Silent) Part 6

Week of Oct 8-14

Icebreaker Question:

- 1 | What is your favorite local restaurant and the meal you most enjoy while eating there?

Into the Text Questions: Read Romans 5:12-16

- 1 | Read Romans 5:12-14. How do you define sin? What are the ramifications of sin? How did sin enter into the world and why did death spread to all men? Why does Paul make the point that sin was in the world even before the Law was given?
- 2 | Why did death reign from Adam to Moses? How was the people's sin in those days different than Adam's sin? Read Romans 5:15. Why do the many die? What abounded to many? How do the following verses describe condemnation that comes about as a result of sin and no relationship with Jesus Christ? (Romans 2:9, Philippians 3:18-19, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, Revelation 20:14-15)
- 3 | What is the "condemnation" and "justification" of v. 16? Interpret "made sinners," and "made righteous" of v. 19. How is this to be understood? Who made them sinners, and who made them righteous? What "law" is meant in v. 20? In what sense did the law make sin abound? Isn't it wrong to associate sin with God's law? How does grace "reign"? What are the results of placing your faith in Jesus Christ? (John 10:28, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 3:12)

Application Questions:

- 1 | How does "peace with God" translate in the believer's life into the practical realm of living? Should those who have "peace with God" also manifest a greater sense of personal peace, contentment, or tranquility in their daily lives? Why or why not?
- 2 | If it is true (and it is!) that tribulation/suffering leads to perseverance, character, and hope, why are we so averse to experiencing tribulation/suffering? How can Christians develop a "long view" toward life, incorporating the reality of tribulation and suffering? How can knowing you are forgiven and righteous before God through Jesus Christ affect your attitudes and actions towards other people? How can your group be praying for you this week?