

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of October 29th

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Prayer and Praise:

What can we thank the Lord for this past week? And in light of the 500th anniversary of the reformation, why are you thankful for the work of the reformers?

Who has the Lord put in your life for you to witness to? How can we pray for you and that person?

As we think back about the truth of the reformers (and if your group is musically gifted), let's sing: #8 – *A Might Fortress if Our God* written by Martin Luther. Or Hymn #15 – *Come, Thou Fount*.

Together in the Word:

1. Read Romans 4:1-8. In your own words explain the meaning of vv. 4-5? ____

2. Pastor Bryan noted that the word “believe” in v. 5 is a present participle emphasizing continuous or ongoing action. Why is this important to note?____

3. In terms of eternal salvation, how is the common phrase, “God helps those who help themselves,” dead wrong according to v.5? _____

4. Faith in and of itself is useless. What is the Biblical conception of saving faith?

5. Pastor Bryan taught that we are declared righteous in justification, but not made righteous. What is the difference and how/when are we made righteous?_____
6. Read Psalm 32:1-5. What is the appropriate response to sin in our lives?____

Sermon Prep: Read Hebrews 1.

THE REFORMATION STILL MATTERS

Romans 4:1-8

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: “**The Reformation Still Matters.**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Five hundred years ago this Tuesday was the beginning of what?
2. What was the one fundamental truth that people died for during the Protestant Reformation?
3. Romans 3:21-5:21 is the section where Paul describes God's what?
4. In Romans 1:18-3:20, Paul shows that God's Righteousness is needed because of what?
5. Paul illustrates the subject of justification by grace alone through faith alone with what to persons?
6. What did God make with Abraham and repeat with David?
7. Salvation has never been by works, even when men were under what?
8. Paul uses Abraham and David as illustrations so that he could disarm what group (who objected to his teaching)?
9. The Jews considered the first five books of the Bible what?

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10. The Jews considered the rest of the Old Testament as what?
11. When did the LORD credit righteousness to Abraham's spiritual bank account?
12. Abraham was NOT justified by what?
13. If you think you can earn your salvation through works, then you are not what?
14. Are you a Christian?
15. What verse might be the clearest statement in all of the Bible on the doctrine of justification?
16. Is true saving faith a one-time decision?
17. Believing that God justifies the ungodly is what?
18. Believing "on Him who justifies the ungodly" is what?
19. God justifies whom?
20. A person can never be saved until he admits what?
21. How can God declare us righteous (when we are ungodly)?
22. The word "redemption" basically means what?
23. Justification is a change of our what?
24. Does justification change us?
25. Paul uses the word "imputes." If he were talking about God making us righteous, he would use what word?
26. What is the theological word for God making us righteous?
27. The word(s) "transgression/lawless deeds" means what?
28. To sin means to miss what?
29. Sin is also deliberately doing what?
30. David rejoices in Psalm 32 because God doesn't hold the sin against the person who is what?
31. What five references point to God as a forgiving God?
32. What are the two sides of the coin of justification?
33. Do you realize how blessed you are, child of God? Do you take for granted the amazing blessing of being forgiven?
34. The PRIMARY issue of the Reformation was 'how can a sinful person be what?'
35. The natural tendency of our sinful, human hearts, is to want to do what?
36. Does the primary issue of the Reformation really matter?