**Doctrine of Justification Discussion Guide**

This week we talked about the doctrine of justification. Every man has sinned and, as a result was separated from God by that sin. God cannot tolerate sin. Therefore, if man is to have relationship with God, his sin must be removed. Man is guilty of sin. He has to be declared “not guilty” before God. In other words, he must be justified.

Justification means to be brought into a right relation with a person (man and man or man and God). God accomplishes that for us through His Son Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for our sins. Jesus took our place on the Cross. He took on our guilt of sin and paid the penalty so that we could be declared “not guilty”. If we put our faith in Jesus and receive His gracious gift of salvation, we can be justified before God.

**Key Passage: Romans 3:21-31**

**Discussion Questions:**

* What is justification?
* Why do we need to be justified?
* How does Jesus make us right with God?
* What do I need to do to be justified?
* How do I show that I have been justified?

**Prayer Focus:**

Spend time thanking God for taking on our guilt and the punishment for sin we deserved. Ask God to continue His work of sanctification, making you more like Jesus each day.

**Next Steps**

1. Our works are the natural outward evidence of the inward justification we receive in Christ. Are there any areas of your life where you’re not showing you’ve been justified? If so, how can you change that?
2. Discuss specific ways you can share your faith through actions. How will you put those things into practice this week?