



Righteousness Through Christ

HELLO

We have made it mostly through the tough stuff that starts this letter. It's not really the kind of thing we want to hear but what we need to hear to get our hearts in the right place. Let's be honest. Discipline is pretty much never fun but responding in the right way can be life changing. There is one BIG "Aha" moment in the opening chapters of this letter. The crucial question is will we get it?

You know those puzzles or images you see on Facebook all the time that are either blurred or filled with similar images but only one is the thing you're looking for? Where's Waldo or how many triangles do you see? Do you tend to see the one hidden thing, or do they just frustrate you and you give up? Is it a challenge or a waste of time?

GROW

Read Romans 4:16-18 (Use [The Message](#) for this discussion)

How good are you at seeing what the Bible is saying to you as opposed to what it's saying to others?

Expanding on the previous question, why is it so easy to see the speck in someone else's eye despite the plank in your own eye?

Talk about your struggle, or not, receiving help when you need it? How good are you at realizing you're headed for the rapids?

MOVE

Russ said, "Nobody gets help until they're ready to receive it." What did or does it take for you to trust God and give in to him when you've hit a spiritual, physical, or mental wall?

Why do you think people focus on unimportant or ridiculous things when their “boat” is sinking? (Boat is symbolic for life.)

How are we “declared right” because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us?

“God doesn’t love us because we’re good. God loves us because He’s good.”

[Richard Rohr]

What is something you have or are experiencing in your life that is clearly the result of God’s grace?

P R A Y

Nothing will make you feel more like a community than this time. Share your joys, your burdens, your victories, your fears. This is the place to do it.