

Get Freedom,
Give Freedom



The Search for Significance
and Beyond

God's Answer: Justification

I am completely forgiven
and fully pleasing!

Review: The Satanic Equation

My Self-Worth =

my performance + other's opinions of me

$$SW = MP + OO$$

Fear of failure: I must meet certain standards to feel good about myself.

Questions

- Does God truly know me?
- If I think of myself differently than God thinks of me, who is mistaken, me or God?

The Ledger



The Truth

He made Him [Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

-2 Corinthians 5:21

Justification is more than forgiveness...

- Forgiveness of sins
- Christ's righteousness
- Worthiness to stand in His presence
- Fully pleasing to Him

We are focused on the wrong thing

- We judge ourselves and others based on success or failures
- “Neither success nor failure is the proper basis of our self-worth.”
- “Christ alone is the source of our forgiveness, freedom, joy, and purpose.”



Do you believe Him?

- Do you believe that He can create something from nothing?
- Do you believe Him when He declares you justified by faith (Romans 5:1)?
- Do you believe His perfect plan for saving us, or do you believe that you can achieve perfection and save yourself?

Obstacles to Receiving the Truth

- Addiction to the approval of others
- Sense of hopelessness
 - Dependence or passivity
- Desire to live life by some formula
- Need to control



Reasons for Obedience

- Christ's Love
- Sin is Destructive
- The Father's Discipline (p. 48)
- His Commands for Us are Good
- Eternal Rewards (p. 49)
- Christ is Worthy



**Small Group
Discussion
Time**

Next Steps

- Prepare your heart and pray
- Read Chapter 5 and work through Step 5
- Invite others
- Next meeting:
 - December 10th
 - We will NOT meet the 4th Sunday in December (the 24th)

The Grid

<p>PERFORMANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All truth and no grace• Relationships are fake and performance-based	<p>GRACE & TRUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationships as God intended• Full knowledge & expression of truth in love
<p>ISOLATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No truth or grace• No relationships	<p>TOTAL EXCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All grace and no truth• Behaviors are excessive and relationships are shallow