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?

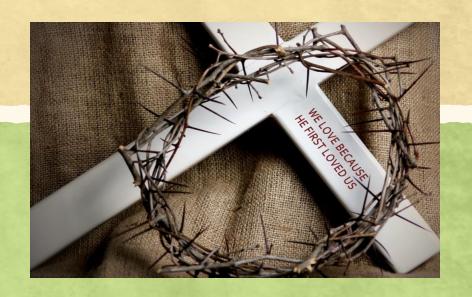
Obstacles to Receiving the Truth

- 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)



PERFORMANCE

- All truth and no grace
- Relationships are fake and performance-based

GRACE & TRUTH

- Relationships as God intended
- Full knowledge & expression of truth in love

ISOLATION

- No truth or grace
- No relationships

TOTAL EXCESS

- All grace and no truth
- Behaviors are excessive and relationships are shallow