

Romans 3.21-26

HOW BAD PEOPLE ARE SAVED

Growth group questions

Personal preparation **BEFORE** the growth group meets:-

Read Romans 3.21-26

1. Read 3.19-20. What is the importance of the 2 words, "But now" in v21?

2. *The righteousness of God might be rephrased as God acting rightly in putting people in right relationship with himself.* What is the good news of v21?

3. According to v22 who can be made right with God & how?

4. Have a go at re-writing v22b-24 in your own words. (SOME HELPFUL DEFINITIONS: JUSTIFIED: DECLARED RIGHT WITH GOD; GRACE: UNDESERVED FAVOUR; REDEMPTION: TO BE SET FREE WITH A PRICE) What excites you about this sentence?

5. In v25-26 the apostle help us to understand how God could stay "right" in making people in the "wrong" , "right with with him (justified). What does he teach?

6. What questions do you have about this passage?

7. What difference(s) should this passage make to you this week?

WHEN the growth group meets:-

Discussion starter

“Its the height of arrogance for anyone to claim with certainty that God is pleased with them.”
What do you think?

Read aloud Romans 3.21-26

a. The group should share & discuss their answers to preparation Q1, 2, 3, & 4 & 5.

b. The group should share their questions and help each other with them.

c. From the passage, how does the death of Jesus affect:-

- *our sense of worth?*

- *our anxiety about God’s right anger & judgement?*

- *our need to impress others?*

- *our attitude towards our unbelieving friends & family?*

Pray together about such things.