

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 24th April 2016

Going deeper

In Exodus 34:7 God says that he 'does not leave the guilty unpunished.' However, we can be saved by becoming 'not-guilty' or 'righteous' in God's sight. Romans is a letter that explains how in the gospel we discover 'the righteousness of God' for ourselves (Romans 1:17)

Read Romans 3:21-26

5. What is the relationship between God's righteousness and the 'Law'?
6. Who can receive this 'righteousness' and how do they receive it?
7. What happened to make this possible?
8. God didn't punish the Israelites for the Golden Calf incident, even though they were guilty and he says he 'does not leave the guilty unpunished.' How does verse 25 explain why this was possible?
9. How does the cross demonstrate God's righteousness and his justice?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Exodus 33:12-34:9 (page 92)

When God gives a second chance

Space to take notes on the talk

Rewind the story....

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God's CV

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Fast Forward the story...

Starter question

- ❖ Have you ever had to write a CV? What things about yourself do you think would most appeal to an employer?

Responding to the talk

1. If you had to sum up this week's talk in a sentence what would you say?
2. Read Exodus 33:12-17
 - a. What does Moses want God to agree to? (cf. Exodus 33:3)
 - b. Why is this so important for Moses?
 - c. Why is God being with us so important? (cf. Mt. 28:20)
3. Read Exodus 33:18-34:3
 - a. What do we learn about God from these verses?
 - b. Why does God want Moses to bring new tablets with him?
 - c. How do these verses help to restore the right relationship between God and Israel?
4. Read Exodus 34:4-9
 - a. How do God's characteristics help us to trust Him?
 - b. What part of the revelation was most important for Moses at this point (see verse 9)?
 - c. How can God both forgive and also not leave the guilty unpunished? (verse 7)

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. As Christians we often stress that God is a loving God. In the light of this passage is that too simplistic a view of God? Which aspects of God's character do you think Christians need to rediscover today?
10. Someone tells you that God could never accept them, because they have behaved in a terrible way in the past. How might you use what you have learnt this week to help persuade them that they can have a relationship with God?