



## Session 3

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### Big Idea:

We are justified through Jesus Christ.

### GROUP OPENER

Share a time when you went out of your way because of a mistake to make it up to someone.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Galatians 2:1-21. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

### ACTION STEPS

*I will statement . . .*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will \_\_\_\_\_". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

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### As a Group

What is something you do that makes you feel good about yourself? Is it winning, doing well at something, helping someone else?

These can all be good but also subtle self-justifications.

-The Doctrine or teaching about justification:

- a. We are all guilty of sin and deserving of punishment.
- b. We try to justify ourselves, but we find that we can't.
- c. Through faith, Jesus' perfect righteousness is credited to us.
- d. What's true of Jesus (his crucifixion & resurrection) becomes true of us.
- e. Therefore, we are declared righteous by the Judge and pardoned of sin's penalty.

What parts of this teaching feel natural?

What parts are challenging?

Is there any part that seems unfair?

### On your Own

Spend some time in gratitude that your justification came from something outside of you. God. That there is nothing you can do to earn it. Jesus did that.

Grace is the acceptance of our justification before God.