

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

Open

- Do you have any “quirks” that you inherited or received from your parents? How have you seen yourself reflected in another person?

Read

- Romans 5:12-21

Observe

- What is the reasoning behind the “bad news” in verses 12-14?
- Have you ever made a bad decision that affected others? How might this help you understand verse 12?
- What does Romans 5 say about what Jesus has done for us? How do verses 1, 15, 17, 20, and 21 help you understand the meaning of God’s grace?
- How does this chapter illustrate why “Grace and peace to you” is such an appropriate greeting for Christians?

Apply

- How would you describe Paul’s emotional attitude toward the gospel? Excitement? Do you feel the same excitement?
- How might you more deeply sense the life and vitality of the gospel?

Prayer

- *Admit* the reality of your sin nature, which you inherited from Adam, to God.
- *Give thanks* to God for his grace and the righteousness which he bestows upon you.