

## Discussion Questions (Roman 5:12-21)

1. Paul says that sin entered the world through one man, Adam. Why do you think it is important to understand Adam as the representative head of humanity?
2. The sermon states, "We don't become sinners only because we sin. We sin because we are sinners." How does this challenge the way our culture typically views human nature?
3. What evidence do you see in the world around you that confirms Paul's teaching about the effects of sin and death?
4. Paul repeatedly contrasts Adam and Christ. Which comparison stood out to you the most:
  - Condemnation vs. Justification
  - Death vs. Life
  - Disobedience vs. Obedience
  - Ruin vs. Rescue  
Why?
5. The sermon emphasizes that the gospel is not primarily about self-improvement but about receiving a new representative. How is that different from the way many people think about Christianity?
6. What does the doctrine of imputation mean in practical terms for a believer's daily life? How does knowing Christ's righteousness is credited to you affect your relationship with God?
7. Paul says, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." Why is this truth so encouraging, and how can it be misunderstood?
8. Which of these areas do you most struggle with:
  - Minimizing your sin
  - Trusting yourself instead of Christ
  - Doubting God's grace
  - Living like a defeated person rather than someone who belongs to Christ's kingdom?

**Why?**

- 9. Romans 5:17 says believers "reign in life" through Christ. What do you think that looks like practically in everyday situations such as temptation, suffering, fear, or discouragement?**
- 10. The sermon concludes by asking, "Who represents you?" If someone examined your life this week, what evidence would they see that your identity and hope are found in Christ rather than in your own performance?**