

Reflection Questions: The God Who Justifies Romans 3:21-31

- 1. Where do you still find yourself trying to "earn points" with God?** Think about your daily habits, moral choices, or religious activities. Are there areas where you unconsciously slip back into thinking your performance affects your standing with God?
- 2. How does knowing you're justified by grace alone change the way you handle your failures and mistakes?** When you mess up at work, in relationships, or in your personal goals, do you spiral into shame or do you experience the freedom that comes from knowing your identity is secure in Christ?
- 3. What would it look like practically to "abandon your own efforts to obtain righteousness" in your current season of life?** Are there ways you're still trying to prove yourself worthy—whether to God, others, or even yourself? What would surrendering those efforts actually look like day-to-day?
- 4. How does understanding that God is "just and the justifier" help you trust Him during difficult circumstances?** When life feels unfair or confusing, how does knowing that God's justice and mercy perfectly coexist change your perspective on what you're going through?
- 5. Pastor Sam mentioned that justification should kill pride and arrogance. Where do you still struggle with these attitudes?** In what situations do you find yourself looking down on others or feeling superior? How might a deeper grasp of grace reshape those moments?
- 6. How does the truth that "there is no distinction" between people affect your relationships and interactions?** Do you treat certain types of people differently based on their background, choices, or social status? How should the gospel reshape those tendencies?
- 7. What does "the obedience of faith" look like in your specific circumstances right now?** Faith isn't just intellectual agreement—it involves surrendering to Christ as both Savior and Lord. What areas of your life still need to come under His lordship?
- 8. How can you tell if Jesus is truly at the "very heart of who you are" rather than just on the fringes?** Look at your schedule, your worries, your dreams, and your daily decisions. What do they reveal about what's actually at the center of your life?
- 9. The application Pastro Sam made asks whether your life confirms to others that you believe God has been fair in His dealings with you. What would people conclude based on how you talk and act?** Do your words, attitude, and responses to life's challenges demonstrate trust in God's justice and goodness, or do they reveal doubt and bitterness?
- 10. If you truly believed that God's assessment of you is the only one that matters, how would that change your decisions this week?** Consider specific situations you're facing—at work, in relationships, or personal choices. How would living from your justified identity change your approach to these challenges?