

**Praise:** Start your time in worship together as a family by following the order of service posted on the Westview [website](#).

**Pray:** Spend some time inviting Holy Spirit to be with and guide you today. Bring your joys and your sorrows to God today.

**Review:** Last week we learned about the first Martyr as well as celebrating our Mom's. Today we begin a two part series on the book of Roman's. Let's start by first watching and learning what Roman's is all about.

**Watch:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej\\_6dVdJSIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej_6dVdJSIU)

**Read:** The big ask today is to simply read all of Roman's 1-4, but if that feels overwhelming at least read Romans 3:22-26

### Questions/Discussion:

Romans 1-4 reveals God's righteousness fulfilled, and are the foundation for the rest of Paul's letter. Use these questions to discuss or allow conversation to go where it naturally goes.

- **Righteousness is a word to describe God's Character! What are 2 parts of God's character**
  - He always does what is just and right. & 2) He is faithful to his promises.

Re-read Romans 3:23. Ask:

- **If you spoke to a friend and just said this sentence to them, would they think you were being kind to them?**
  - Answers will vary. You might ask students how someone who had never heard this verse before would react.
- **How do you think most people react to the word "sin"? Do you think people generally think calling some behaviors "sin" is judgmental?**
  - Help your group to begin to unpack this short verse by having a discussion around the idea of sin.

NEXT, help students grasp the idea that we all are in the same boat when it comes to sin and disobeying God.

Say something like:

- **Everyone has different ideas about sin, but for our discussion today, we'll just call sin "Disobeying God." There is no one in this room who can claim they've never done this. According to Paul in this verse, everyone is kind of on the same level when it comes to sin. Why do you think Paul goes out of his way to make sure the Christians in Rome knew this?**
  - Answers will vary. Help your group land on the idea that sometimes, we downplay our sin and think that we're better than others—which may have been happening in Rome.
- **How does the story of Jesus reveal God's righteous Character?**
  - The whole world is sinful and broken, even the Israelites. The good news about Jesus as God's response, is that he takes on what he does not deserve so that simply by faith in him we are justified freely (Romans 3:24)
- **What does that mean for you?**
  - I am not perfect, and even though there is nothing I can do to become perfect, simply by faith in Jesus I too become justified and made righteous.
  - Justification gives you: 1) A new status 2) A new family 3) a new future

### Conclusion/ Challenge:

Read Romans 5 -16, this will help to prepare for next Sunday's lesson. It might seem like a lot, but that is only 2 chapters a day or approximately 10 minutes a day. I think you can do it! I believe in you!