**Sermon Notes**

**Sunday, April 17, 2022**

**Getting to know you:** Share in your own words what the Gospel means to you.

**Exploring truth:** “Justified by the Gospel” - *Mark 15:33-16:20* & *Romans 3:21-24*

**Notes:**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to be justified before God?
2. Why is it important to understand that being declared righteous before God is foundational to our faith?
3. If Jesus is risen from the grave, what does this mean for my faith and life?
4. How does the resurrection then tie into what it means to be justified before God?
5. Satan’s “A-game” is to make us doubt our standing before God - why does he want us to evaluate our position before the Father with some criteria other than with the truth of the Gospel?
6. What does it mean to abide in Christ and how does this relate to our discussion? Read John 15:1-17. As a follow up question, what difference does it make that God cannot love you any more or any less than he already does right now?

**Living it out:** What does it look like practically in your daily life to know that you are justified before God? Keep in mind Hebrews 4:16.

**Prayer:** Spend some time in prayer worshiping God for his unrelenting love that he has for you. Share & present your requests, concerns and anxieties to the LORD.