

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Romans // From Adam to Jesus

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What is a frustrating group project experience that you have?

Reading: Romans 5:12-21

Outline:

- I. Reign of Sin (Romans 5:12-14)
 - a. Sin entered the world when Adam ate the fruit. This sin brought death that reigns with or without the law. The law only entered in to identify the problem.
 - b. We spend lots of time and money trying to protect ourselves from sin and death, but sin and death reign no matter what we do.
Q: What is something that you spend your time/money on to protect from suffering?
- II. Undoing the Reign of Sin (Romans 5:15-17)
 - a. The life and salvation offered through the grace of Jesus is even greater than the sin that impacts humanity. Jesus does what nothing else could do: he unseats sin and death.
 - b. The Church is the place to confess that the fundamental solution to humanity's problem, the reign of sin and death, is Jesus.
 - c. The other commitments we make, to protect us from sin and death, are provisional. We are united in our commitment to Jesus. Our goal, above all else, should be to live under the reign of his grace.
Q: Do you have any commitments that get in the way of our commitment to Jesus?
- III. Reign of Grace (Romans 5:18-21)
 - a. To live life under the reign of grace means taking part in that battle against sin and death, and that battle begins in all of us.
 - b. The call of grace is a call to come to Jesus in faith, take up the yoke of patient obedience, and follow after him. Because we know where this leads. Following him leads to life.
Q: In what areas of your life do you need to better rely on the power of grace?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What is something that you
- 2) In what ways are you connecting with The Church in order to break free from sin?
- 3) What kinds of sin seem the most difficult to break free from in your life?
- 4) When you feel yourself slipping back into sin, how can you best redirect yourself back to God's grace?

Suggestions for further study:

- Ephesians 5:8 **Q: How can you prevent yourself from returning to sinfulness and death?**
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 **Q: What is something that tempts you to act in sin?**

Closing Prayer:

Father God, we acknowledge that we are sinful and that our choices in sin lead us closer to death and destruction. We thank you for your son Jesus, who died to wipe away our sins and lead us to ever-lasting life. Guide us to cling to Your grace and allow us to be strong in Your will. We thank You for the gift of redemption that You have given us. Amen.