

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Credo: The Second Article

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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: Think of a time when you felt either extremely connected to Jesus or a time you couldn't sense His presence in your life. Share with the group.

Reading: Romans 10:5-17

Outline:

- I. Jesus became one of us, for us. (v. 5-8)
 - a. He becomes one of us because He wants to be present with us. Sin separated us from Him, and Jesus became human to save us.
 - b. As one of us, Jesus knows what we're experiencing/ struggling with and meets us in it.
Q: What does faith-based righteousness say, and how does it relate to the law?
- II. Jesus' work is your rescue and redemption. (v. 9-13)
 - a. He didn't come to simply be a moral teacher. He came to save us from our sin.
 - b. Jesus is our rescue: if we believe that He died and was raised for our sanctification and confess that He is Lord, we are saved.
Q: Why must we confess aloud in order to be saved? (Why isn't belief enough?)
- III. Faith is fueled through Jesus. (v. 14-17)
 - a. Our entire faith points to Him. Because of Jesus, we have life everlasting.
 - b. Because of Christ, we don't need to be afraid of the future, life trials, or judgment. We have righteousness by faith every day as we fix our eyes on Him, and He is with us.
Q: What is our role in preaching the Good News? Are there limits to that role?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What sins are separating you from God lately?
- 2) When thinking about the near future, what are you concerned about?
- 3) What trials are you struggling with right now that you can give to God?
- 4) How can you live out a "righteousness by faith" this week?
- 5) Where has God placed you to witness to those around you?

Suggestions for further study:

- 2 Samuel 7:4-17**Q: Who was the offspring (v.12-15)? How did God keep his covenant?**
- Colossians 2:6-15**Q: How are we new creations, yet still sinful by nature?**
- James 2:14-26**Q: Are faith and works opposing points of view here? How/how not?**

Closing Prayer: *Jesus, thank you that you are a God who came down and dwelt among us. You walked the path of suffering for us, and now because of your triumphant resurrection, you are seated at the right hand of the father. You promise never to leave us or forsake us. So whatever we are facing this week, whatever is troubling us, help us to walk by faith and not by sight. May we trust that You are good and that you are the one who gives us hope. We pray this in Your name, Amen.*

