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Go around and let everyone answer on the following question...

Share a time when someone did something for you that you couldn't do for yourself?

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Why is it good to experience this kind of reliance on another's help?

Read Romans 3.22-26

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Why is important to understand that everyone of us, no matter who we are, have all fallen short?

Why is it also important to realize that everyone has the opportunity to be justified freely by His grace?

How does this truth express how Christ stands apart from all others?

How is understanding that "righteousness is given" different than thinking righteousness as something earned?

Why is it dangerous to fall into the trap of thinking that we can earn our own righteousness?

APPLY

How does this passage affect where you are right now in your walk with Christ?

Close in a time of prayer.

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Leaders

Big Idea

Before we talk about the true story of the cross, we need to clear away some of the false stories that have likely crept into our minds and hearts. By ignoring these false stories, we run the risk of assuming we know what the cross is all about. But many of us have heard this story so many times that we have become inoculated to its meaning. By shining a light on the false stories, we can more fully appreciate the true story that the cross of Christ tells.

Special Considerations

You may likely be conducting your LIFE Group meetings via video in an online setting during this time. While it might feel less personal than an in-home meeting, this could actually be a great time for your group to renew its concern for each other by making special efforts to connect throughout the week. Consider sending out prayer requests, well-wishes, or updated via text or email during the week.

Group Discussion Reminder

Our LIFE Groups are a great place to pour out the love we share into the lives of others. We can't keep this love and community to ourselves. Who do you know that might benefit from being part of your group? Share those names, pray for them, and ask God to give you the courage to talk to them about visiting your group.