

Discussion Ouestions

- 1. Read Romans 5:12-21. Who is the one Man in verse 12? How did His action bring death to all people?
- 2. According to verses 13-14, is there a difference in result for those who sin after hearing God's command (like Adam, and those who know God's law) and those who have never received a command from God?
- 3. Verse 14 says that Adam is a pattern, or type, of the one to come. Who is the one to come? How is Adam a pattern of Him?
- 4. Adam and Jesus both serve as representatives for the human race (this is the answer to the previous question!) One action of theirs affected many people. What are the actions and what were the results (verse 15)?
- 5. How is the gift not like the trespass? What do words like more and overflow in verse 15 suggest about Christ's gift?
- 6. What is the difference between the gift and the trespass in verse 16?
 Did God's judgement on humanity come after Adam's one sin or after many sins of many people over thousands of years? Did Christ's gift deal with just Adam's one sin, or with the many sins of humanity?
- 7. Sin brought death, but what did Jesus' obedience and death bring (verses 17, 18, 19, 21)?
- 8. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-7. What is the gospel to which we must hold firmly? Why does Paul list so many people in verses 5-7?
- 9. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23.
 Why is it is important that the resurrection of Jesus be true?
 How does the resurrection of Jesus deal with the problem of sin and death that Adam brought?
 Since Jesus did rise from the dead, what will be true of those who belong to Him?

10. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49.

What will our bodies be like when we are resurrected? How will they be different than they are now? What is the difference between Adam's body and the body of the resurrected Christ?

11. Read Philippians 3:7-14.

What does Paul mean in verses 10-11, when he says, "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." How does that relate to what we've looked at so far?

12. These verses are about the day to day struggle to live out what is true of us because of Christ's death and resurrection. We have not yet been raised from the dead to eternal life, but we are tasting that eternal life and God is making us more holy. So we need to "press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of" us. How are you doing that each day? How can we help each other?