## **CLARITY** discussion guide

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Theology | Christ in Atonement: The Lamb of God

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## **BELONG**

Have you ever gotten in trouble? Have you ever had to face an authority after doing wrong? Maybe it was a policeman, a school official, or someone at work that identified you as a rule-breaker. What was that like for you? What was the outcome of that encounter? How do we see God's justice and grace in the sacrifice of Jesus (3:25-26)?

## **GROW**

Read Romans 3:21-26 out loud.

Last week we looked at Jesus in the Old Testament. Paul begins this passage by saying that "The Law and Prophets" (meaning the Old Testament) testified about the righteousness of God. Briefly review last week's conversation about how the Old Testament pointed to Jesus.

How does it make you feel that Jesus died in your place, making peace with God possible? Was Jesus' decision to offer His life for you a result of anything that you did? According to verses 22 and 26, what do we have to do to claim the benefits of this grace?

How are you able to play a role in God's redemptive plan for all of the world? What are you doing to take part in that plan this week?

How do you respond to verse 23? How do you think most people in our broader culture would respond to that statement? How does verse 24 answer the problem that verse 23 presents?

How has this study helped you to see Jesus more clearly?

What is God's standard for redemption? How do you measure up?

Connect DAILY
Sunday
Romans 3:21-26
Monday
John 1:29-34;
Psalm 93; Proverbs 18:23-24
Tuesday
Romans 6:1-14;
Psalm 94:1-9; Proverbs 19:1-4

Wednesday Romans 6:15-7:6; Psalm 94:10-23; Proverbs 19:5-7

**Thursday** Romans 7:7-8:11; Psalm 95:1-4; Proverbs 19:8-11

**Friday** Romans 8:12-30; Psalm 95:5-11; Proverbs 19:12-15

Saturday Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 96:1-5; Proverbs 19:16-18 serve

Thank you for continuing to be the Church even when we can't meet in the church building. Many of you have continued to serve your families, neighbors, and community during quarantine in creative and kind ways. Please consider dropping off some extra food for one of our food pantries in Fayetteville. I've heard from the Salvation Army that they need styrofoam to-go boxes, plastic cutlery, and napkins as they are serving their weekly meals curbside. You can drop these items off at the shelter.

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Pray for global workers, Logan and Emily, that they would reflect Christ and His Church.