



## Community Group Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

### Title of Sermon: In Adam and In Christ

Passage: Romans 5:12-19 NIV

1. The Problem of Being in Adam
  - a. When you read through Romans 5:12-19, what kinds of ideas immediately stick out to you? Is this passage hard to understand? Why or why not?
  - b. Do you think that people are born morally good or morally bad? What evidence do you have for your view?
  - c. This passage teaches that because Adam is the representative head for humanity, his failure to keep God's commands is attributed to all who are "on his team", meaning every human being is born guilty of the sin of Adam.
    - i. Why do you think so many in our society object to this idea?
    - ii. If you are a Christian, how do you respond to the objections of society?
  - d. What is the core problem with the world?
    - i. What kinds of answers to this question do you commonly hear in our society?
    - ii. How does the Bible answer this question?
  - e. If people are born guilty, bent in on themselves, how does this affect your views regarding the common belief that you should embrace whatever way you were born as if it were good?
2. The Pleasure of Being in Christ
  - a. If Jesus offers his righteousness as a gift, why do we still feel like we need to earn it? Why do we feel like if we don't work hard enough or well enough, God won't ultimately welcome us into heaven?
  - b. Romans 5:17 says that we have gone from being under the reign of death to reigning with Christ. Why is it difficult for Christians to feel like people who are considered royalty in God's eyes?
  - c. If being in Christ is so much better than being in Adam, why don't people choose to receive the gift of righteousness that Jesus offers them? What are the barriers that keep people from receiving the gift that Jesus has to give them?



### **Wrap Up and Prayer**

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

### **Benediction** - Romans 11:33, 36 ESV

*"Oh, the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*