



Week Three – The Domino Effect: His Righteousness

CONNECT

- Have you ever made a terrible mistake you knew you were going to get in trouble, fired or grounded, but in the midst of the circumstance someone else knowingly took the blame for your mistake, wrongdoing etc. What happened? How did that make you feel?
- Have you ever taken the blame for someone's mistake or wrongdoing? What happened? Why did you take the blame for their mistake?

WORD

Philippians 3:9

. . . and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

THOUGHT

Even as believers, we sometimes feel spiritually insecure or inferior. This often happens when we do something wrong or feel that we have failed God. This kind of guilt and condemnation is a result of our wrong theology. We sometimes believe that when we perform well and live right, we will have a right standing with God. However, this is the exact opposite of true Christian theology. Jesus came to die for our sins because there was absolutely nothing we could do to be in right standing with God. God accepts us, not because of what we do or don't do. We need to understand what the blood of Christ really did for us.

DISCUSSION

1. Paul shares in Philippians 3:9, that it is not by the law that we gain righteousness in God's eyes. How do we "gain" righteousness in the sight of God?

2. The Bible tells us in Matthew 6:33 that we need to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. What does it mean to seek after God's righteousness?

3. Why does Jesus' death play a significant role in our righteousness? How does His death equal God's righteousness in our lives? (Hint: 2 Corinthians 5:21)

4. What role does obedience as a child of God play for us in adopting this righteousness? (Hint: 1 Peter 1: 14-16)

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Read Isaiah 64:6 this week spend time meditating on this scripture reminding yourself it is not what you bring to God that produces righteousness, but what God did for you.
- Ask God to show you ways in which you can seek for more of His righteousness this week

PRAYER

- Pray asking God to reveal areas in your life that you have not accepted His righteousness yet. Pray that you would begin to seek righteousness in these areas.
- Pray asking God to show you how you can share His righteousness with others.