

NO REASON TO BOAST

CENTRAL TRUTH

As we will see in this week's teaching, God's salvation is a gift freely given to those who believe in Christ. Therefore, believers have no reason to boast or to be prideful in our own achievements. **The good news of Jesus is for all people**, regardless of background.

KEY QUESTION

↓ What does it mean to be "justified"? Why do we need this?

We all need God's grace because we are all guilty rebels. This grace came through the Lord Jesus. Because of what He did on our behalf, we are justified—or declared righteous—before God. When we were lost and enslaved to sin, God redeemed us through Jesus so that we could enjoy a relationship with Him and His people.

KEEP IN MIND

- 1 Paul's emphasis in this week's passage is that we are saved through faith in Jesus alone. Students need to be reminded that we can have confidence in the truth of Jesus as the only way of salvation. Use the **Theology Note** in this week's session to guide you in your conversation with students.
- 1 Are there students in your small group who have yet to place their trust in Jesus for salvation? As you prepare to lead this, begin praying that the Holy Spirit would open their hearts to respond in faith to the gospel.

APPLICATION

- 1 How can we regularly pray for opportunities to share the hope of God's salvation with others?

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Through faith in Christ alone, we are made right with God and can enjoy a relationship with Him and His people.

FOR THE LEADER: In a world that demands achievement and effort for acceptance, students need to know that our salvation isn't accomplished through our own doing but through faith in the One who achieved it all on our behalf.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?