**SCC SMALL GROUP STUDY**

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**Leaning Into Discomfort - 5**

**Life's Hard Somethings**

**Romans 5:12-21**

**Getting Started:**

1. What personality traits do you have from each of your parents?

 \* If you are a parent how do you see yourself reflected in your own children?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

 1. How does Paul sum up the "bad news" of the Bible in verses 12-14?

 \* Think of a decision you made that affected others in a bad way––how does this help you understand verse 12?

 2. From verse 15-19, list in two columns the comparisons and contrasts between Adam

 and Jesus.

 \* What results from each one?

 \* What do you learn about the work of Christ from this list?

 3. From 5:1-21, what do you note about what God has done through Jesus for us?

 \* How does that help you understand the meaning of God's grace (vs. 1, 15, 17,

 20, 21)?

 \* How does this chapter illustrate why "Grace and peace to you" (Romans 1:7)

 is such a apt greeting for Christians?

 \* Let's dig a little deep into grace:

 > What do we learn about grace from Ephesian 2:8-9?

 > What is the difference between mercy and grace?

 > When it comes to the grace of God, what do learn about God's

 plan from I Peter 1:18-20 & 2 Timothy 1:9?

 4. What does it mean that we are "justified" (v.18)?

 \* Now look up Acts 13:39 & Romans 4:25

**Application of the Scriptures:**

 1. Share one instance in your life where you thought "Wow, Jesus is being gracious to

 me?"

 2. If you asked about the reality of "sin in the world," what proof/example would you

 share with them?

 3. For you, what challenge do face when it comes to being obedient to God?