COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

APPLY // ROMANS 5:12-21

Main Idea: Death comes through Adam. Life comes through the resurrected Christ Jesus, the 2nd Adam.

- 1. Read Romans 5:12. How does this theological truth get down to the core of what is wrong in our world and with us? Does this resonate? How?
- 2. Read Romans 4:25, 5:1, 10, and then Romans 5:18. How does the Gospel provide a solution to the world's biggest problems?
- 3. Read Romans 6:1-14. Discuss the power that is now available to you in Christ to have life (not death) reign.

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // VARIOUS

Main Idea: We trust the Bible because Jesus trusts the Bible. Jesus says the <u>is</u> Bible the Word of God about him for our salvation and satisfaction.

- 1. Read Luke 24:1-27.
- 2. In verses 21-24, what was the disciples' hope for Jesus? Why are these disciples disappointed and discouraged?
- 3. How does Jesus respond in verses 25-26?
 - a. When Jesus refers to "all that the prophets have spoken!" to what is he referencing?
 - b. Why does Jesus say they are slow of heart to believe? What does this tell us about Jesus' view of Scripture?
- 4. Notice in verse 26 that Jesus asks "Was it not <u>necessary</u>" that the Christ should die and rise again. Based on this question, what is Jesus assuming that Scripture clearly teaches?
- 5. In verse 27, what does Jesus do? How does this inform our understanding about the authorial intent and purpose of Scripture?
- 6. Why is it significant that the risen Jesus, in order to 'prove' the necessity of his death and reality of his resurrection, doesn't say "Look at me" but says, "Read this..." How does this inform our understanding about the importance of Scripture?
- 7. Discuss other places in the Gospels where we see Jesus using/quoting Scripture. From these occurrences, what can we discern about Jesus' view of Scripture?
 - a. For example, see Matthew 5:17-18; 19:4-5; 22:43; Mark 12:26; John 5:39, 46
- 8. Read 2 Peter 1:16-20. To what event is Peter referring to in verses 17-18? Why is it significant that Peter was an eyewitness to this event (vs. 16)?
- 9. Notice what Peter says in verse 19—the prophetic word is more fully confirmed than being an eyewitness.
 - a. When Peter says "the prophetic word" to what is he referring?
 - b. What does it mean that this word is "more fully confirmed"?
 - c. According to verse 20-21, why is this word more fully confirmed?
- 10. Based on these Scriptures, discuss why the Bible is necessary for our salvation by Christ and satisfaction in Christ?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Check-in and follow up with one another. How are ya' doing?