

## Discussion/Reflection Questions

**Sermon Series: *The Multifaceted Gospel***  
**Sermon Title: *Freedom From Sin***  
**Scripture: *Romans 3:21-26***

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

### Questions:

1. Is there a silly or trivial thing you did recently that you felt bad about? What was it?
2. When you think of the effects of sin, where do you see its corrupting force in the world? Its distorting force? Its violating force?
3. What does it mean that sin has an existential quality to it that can't be resolved by us?
4. Are there places in history or in our current moment, even in your own life that make you long for God to step in?
5. How do you react to the idea of God's wrath?
6. Does it change your view of Jesus' Passion to think it was God's wrath that worried him in the garden?

### Prayer:

Dear Lord, sin and wrath and justice are all hard topics. Yet we long for justice and crave the effects of sin to be removed from us. Convict us Lord, that when we see evil in the world, we turn inward and recognize the evil lives in us. Redeem us Lord, that your blood poured out for us might cover us and cleans us from all unrighteousness. Awaken joy in us, that we might live new-creation lives out of the abundance of your grace.

Amen.