

## ***The Reign of Grace & life!***

### **Key Scriptures**

Rom. 5:12-21 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- <sup>13</sup> (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. <sup>17</sup> For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) <sup>18</sup> Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. <sup>19</sup> For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, <sup>21</sup> so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **TALK IT OVER**

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Now that Autumn is officially here, what are some of your favorite things about the Fall season? (activities, foods, etc.) What do you dislike about it?

**Start thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Romans 5:12 starts out assuming that we all understand how through one man, sin entered into the world. What do you remember about the account of Adam and his "fall." (Gen 3:1-24)
- How has the sin of Adam affected his descendants to this present day?
- Does our passage say that we inherit sin from Adam, or only that sin came into existence when Adam sinned? Do we have sin in us because of Adam, or is sin a result of our free choice? Review verses 12, 14 and 18-19 carefully.
- If you had to summarize a "Key Point" or sentence for this passage, what would it be? Collaborate with the group to come up with the best summary statement.

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Paul spoke of Adam as the one who represented us in the garden of Eden (especially v. 12, 18-19). Do you think Adam was a good and fair representative of you? Why or why not?

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Are there ways this passage challenges you to think differently about your identity?

**Prayer Requests.** It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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