

# The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

11/19/17

**Text: Romans 3:23-26 (ESV)**

**Title: God's Satisfaction of Justice**

**Teacher: Tim Rice**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

*In this week's sermon Tim talked about the reality that every human on the planet faces: we have sinned and fall short of God's glory and design, God has to be just to be perfect, and we are in dire need of his work to save us. In our brokenness, we can either think we're too far off for God to save us, or, even when we've started off believing in Jesus, we can begin to live as if we're actually doing a pretty good job at being a Christian, and don't really need his forgiveness after all. The reality is that I'm a great sinner, and deserve God's wrath and punishment, and yet Jesus offered himself up as a sacrifice to take God's punishment for me, and give me his perfect record.*

## **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. We were created to be in a perfect relationship with God, our maker. None of us has measured up to his standard of perfection, and we all need his forgiveness in Jesus. The problem arises when we either think we're too sinful to receive God's mercy, or we act like we no longer need his forgiveness because we've managed to clean up our lives.*

  - How do you measure how well you're doing as a Christian?**
  - What standards do you use to measure yourself, rather than God's standard of perfection?**
- 2. Tim said that God "passed over" people's sin for a time to show his **mercy**, but that he also sent his son as a sacrifice to pay the penalty for sin and show he is **just**.*

  - What kind of God would we have if he was only merciful without being just? (what if he was only just and never merciful?)**
  - How have you seen God's Justice or Mercy in your life; was it what you expected?**
- 3. Tim said propitiation is the divine satisfaction of wrath and justice. Jesus's propitiation means I have a condition (God's judgment) that I deserve (because of my sin), and I can't repair it. I need him to repair it for me.*

  - How does the Great Exchange (Jesus' perfect record in the place of my sin) impact your love for God and for others?**
  - Thanksgiving: How would you respond in thanksgiving to God for his work of mercy and justice in your life?**

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as a group as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart during your discussion.)*

#### **1. ADORATION (The Father)**

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

#### **2. CONFESSION (Me)**

***Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

#### **3. THANKSGIVING (Jesus)**

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

#### **4. SUPPLICATION (Holy Spirit)**

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

## **MISSION**

### **Prepare for Gospel Community:**

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***

***Ask yourself, "What can I do to express my love for God and for others in response to this sermon?"***