

# **The Facilitator**

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

11/26/17

**Text: Romans 3:22b-31 (ESV)**

**Title: No Boast, Except in Christ**

**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 our tendency to boast in ourselves especially in a world of social media and our society's drive for social status. We live our lives making much of ourselves and distinguishing ourselves from others based on our marital status, parenting, grades, career, popularity, beauty, finances...etc. Inevitably we either disqualify others, or we disqualify ourselves based on our measurements. But the beauty of the gospel is that we don't depend on anything we've done to be loved by God, our only hope comes from Jesus, and what he has done. When we put our hope in him alone, we can then respond by willingly doing anything and loving anyone because of him. The gospel removes all that distinguishes us from anyone else, because all that truly matters is Jesus. As Tim summarized, the gospel message says, "Do nothing, gain everything (in Jesus), do anything (for him)."*

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. *Tim said that "boasting" will not be allowed in heaven. And yet we are constantly distinguishing ourselves from others based on how great our kids are, or our parenting, our grades, our performance, our home, marriage, friends, job, \$\$, looks...etc.).*
  - ***Whether it's on social media, or just with your friends and family...what things do you say (or post) about yourself? How do you distinguish yourself from others?***
  - ***How can doing that lead you to disqualify yourself, or disqualify others?***
2. *Tim talked about how our standing before God as "righteous" has NOTHING to do with anything we have done, and everything to do with what Jesus has done. Being justified by God means we are BOTH 1) forgiven of our sin, AND 2) given the righteousness of Jesus.*
  - ***How does that impact your understanding of faith and good works in the Christian life?***
3. *The gospel says there are no distinctions, all kinds of people are welcomed into God's kingdom, not because of anything good about them, but because of everything good about him. The gospel leads to true Christian humility; it's not about me, it's all about Him.*
  - ***What distinctions do you need the Holy Spirit to rid from your life?***
  - ***What does true Christian Humility look like for you?***

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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?"***