



## Sermon Discussion Questions

### "The Abundance of Grace"

Romans 5:12-21  
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Openers:

What blessing can you count in your life today?

Who do you take after in your temperament, your father or mother or someone else? How about in your physical build? In your musical ability (or lack thereof)? How so?

Questions: [The following questions are meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the selected text. Feel free to ask your group your own questions regarding the sermon or text.]

1. What do you best remember about Adam and the fall of humanity (Gen 3:1-24)?
2. How has the sin of Adam affected his descendants to the present day? How would you describe this in medical terms: A disease? An epidemic? An infection that attacks the immune system?
3. How are Adam and Christ similar (vv 12, 18-19)?
4. How is Christ's gift different from Adam's trespass (vv 15-21)?
5. The "gift" is mentioned five times in versus 15-17: What is it? Who gives it? How is it received?

Application:

6. How does this chapter illustrate why "Grace and peace to you" (Romans 1:7) is such an appropriate greeting for Christians?
7. As we make our way through the Romans sermon series, how does God seem to be speaking to you thus far? Or, what have you learned thus far?
8. Does the gospel message excite you as it does Paul? What could help you and your group to experience its vitality again?

Take a moment to pray in your group; perhaps divide your group in half again, to have each half pray together as a smaller group. Ask God to speak to you in the way that you hear him. Ask him to help you to experience a revival of the gospel's vitality, in your own heart and in the collective heart of your group. This week, listen... and look... for answers to your prayer.

\*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).