The Gospel Makes Us Go (and Stay) – Romans 3:21-31 Hope Community Church, Sunday May 3rd, 2020

Small Group Discussion Questions

Discussion Starter: Do you have a rescue story from life? A time when you were helpless to rescue yourself and had to depend fully on someone else. Relate your stories with each other and how this might parallel your own salvation (or not).

Digging Deeper: Read Romans 3:21-26

- 1. Which phrase or verse is particularly meaningful to you? Why is that?
- 2. In verse 24 who do we find is responsible for our salvation? How does this factor into our own understanding of salvation?
- 3. Count up the number of times that faith shows up in verses 21-31. How is faith portrayed?

Changing our Hearts

1. How is your view of God shaped through these verses?

Living It Out

- 1. We find it easy to boast in subtle ways our status and our upbringing. Name some things that you might overtly or even quietly be trusting in rather than Jesus.
- 2. In a performance driven society we can think of salvation as being about performance too. How does resting in what God has done alter your mind-set about life?

Family and Children Discussion Questions

- 1. What was the thing that made Abraham and Sarah sad?
- 2. Abraham was confused when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac. What did Abraham show toward God? (Hint: 5 letter word starting with 'T')
- 3. What did God provide before Abraham killed his son?
- 4. How is Jesus like the ram in our story? (could be lots of answers)
- 5. What is it that Abraham showed that God wants us to have too? (Hint: sounds like 'crust'. There's another word that means the same thing also 5 letters that starts with the letter two letters after 'b')
- 6. Explore and enjoy a resource from our "Family Worship" page at www.hopechurch.org.nz