The Gospel Makes Us Go (and Stay) – Romans 3:9-20 Hope Community Church, Sunday April 26, 2020

Small Group Discussion Questions

Discussion Starter: What do you think is most different between the way we view "sin" and the way Jesus views "sin"?

Digging Deeper

1. Daryl described three parts to God's verdict over our sin in his message on Romans 3.9-20. Which one most resonated with you and why?

Changing our Hearts

2. How do you see the effects of your sin on your life, your attitudes and relationships?

Living It Out

- 3. Thomas Watson said: "Unless sin is bitter, Christ will not be sweet." Jesus said: "the one who is forgiven much, loves much." John Newton said: "I am a great sinner, but Christ is a great saviour." How can a big view of personal sin be so life-giving for us?
- 4. How can your small group live out a culture that reflects Jesus' heart towards "sinners"? (think about your attitudes, conversations, and conduct)
- 5. Take some time to share and pray about your current lockdown stresses and joys.

Family and Children Discussion Questions

- 1. Steve set a challenge to get out a sticking plaster. Use it to remind you of a time you did something that hurt your relationship with God, or someone else, or yourself. Share what comes to mind. Then thank Jesus that He covers it and offers you a way forward.
- 2. Steve had scissors in his head! Do you think its easier for you or for others to see your faults? Why?
- 3. Why do you think it is so difficult to admit that we have sinned?
- 4. Why might a true and huge view of sin be so very helpful for our lives?
- 5. Explore and enjoy a resource from our "Family Worship" page at <u>www.hopechurch.org.nz</u>