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from Romans, a letter in the Bible

Through this series we'll be working our way through the Biblical letter of Romans. We'll explore themes of forgiveness, freedom, hope and grace.

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Overview

In Romans, Paul unpacks the gospel and the implications for us personally and as a community. But, before Paul gets to the good news he seeks to level the playing field: he wants to establish that no one has an advantage when it comes to salvation - that all have sinned, all are under sin, all are accountable to God and will face judgement. Paul levels the field through a stripping of our defences: the things we might say to 'justify' ourselves.

Questions for discussion

- What is the difference between God's righteousness and ours?
- Why does the Apostle Paul emphasise that our righteousness is a gift that can only be received by trusting God?
- Abraham faced the facts of his situation, but his focus was on the promise and power of God. This led to the strengthening of his faith and he saw God do the impossible. Which situations do you need to trust God with and how can you proactively focus on his promises and power?
- What else do you tend to trust instead of God? (hint: it is often whatever your deepest wish is. We say to ourselves, if I had that, then everything would be ok).