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*after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, [13] from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. [14] For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."*

7) In light of what Jesus has done for us, write at least three ways we should respond (using the following passage):  
**Hebrews 10:19-25** - "*[19] Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, [21] and having a High Priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, [25] not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Which response do you most need to work on?

### TAKING IT HOME

8) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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## **Life Group Homework** **For the week of November 14, 2021**

### MY STORY

1) This week we saw that the whole world is guilty before God, and that Jesus is the only payment available for our sin. How do you think your non-Christian friends or family members would respond if you told them they are guilty of sin and Jesus is the only solution?

### REVIEW

2) Thinking back to this week's study (in Romans 3:9-26), was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

3) Paul used a lot of big words and run-on sentences in Romans 3. Read the following passage below in the New Living Translation (NLT), making note of any highlights or questions you have.

**Romans 3:20-26 NLT** - "*[20] For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. [21] But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. [22] We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. [23] For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious*

standard. [24] Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. [25] For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, [26] for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus."

Why is God considered "fair and just" while at the same time declaring "sinners to be right in his sight" (v. 26, both "just" and "justifier" in the NKJV)?

What other way(s) could God have offered us salvation (justifier) while at the same time remaining a good judge (just)?

4) When God rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt, His last plague killed the firstborn of every family. Read the passage below:

**Exodus 12:12-13** - "[12] 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. [13] 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.'"

What similarities do you see between the above passage (passover) and God's judgment/salvation through Jesus?

5) Look at how Paul describes us *before* we trusted in Jesus:

**Ephesians 2:1-3** - [1] And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, [2] in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, [3] among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

What are the potential benefits of remembering our sins and failures?

What potential harm can come from remembering our sins and failures?

What helps you keep a healthy balance between these potential benefits and harms?

6) What stands out to you from the passage below as the author of Hebrews compares the priestly sacrifices with Jesus' sacrifice?

**Hebrews 10:11-14** - "[11] And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. [12] But this Man (Jesus),