



Encounter the truth...

Theme – Luther and the Reformation

Bible Narrative – Romans 3:9-31

Check-in question: What is your favorite Bible story?

Bible Study

What caused Martin Luther to change his career?

What did Luther learn while reading the Bible as a monk?

Read Romans 3:9-20

According to verse 10-12, who is righteous before God?

In verses 12-18, Paul writes about some pretty serious sins. What are some of the sins that all people commit?

Verses 19-20 talk more about the law of God. No one can be justified by what?

Read Romans 3:21-31

According to verse 22 where does righteousness come from? How do sinners gain this righteousness?

Verse 25 talks about God's justice. If God is just, what should happen to sinners? How does Christ fulfill God's justice? (see Romans 5: 6-8)

Look at verse 28-29. Why does this change everything?

What was the Church's reaction to Luther's teachings?

How does having the Bible in their own language change things for the people?

2 SMALL GROUPS

Capture the truth...

One of the important things Luther did for the church was to translate the Bible into German. Before then, the Bible was only available in Latin—a language only spoken by very educated scholars and priests/monks. Just as Luther was finishing his translation, the printing press was invented. This meant that for the first time in history, people could not only read the Bible in their own language but also be able to afford to have their own copy!

Choose a verse from the bible. Use the letter stamps to create your own copy of the written Word of God just like Luther (and Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press).

Why did you choose the verse you chose? Does it have meaning for you?

What do you think it would have been like to read the Bible for the very first time?

3 AROUND THE TABLE

Reveal the truth...

Things to talk about this week:

Do you ever feel like you aren't good enough?
Where did Luther find his answer for those feelings?

Don't forget to sign on and watch the video for next week! The topic is: Justification

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name: _____

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATER WARS

September 21 from 7-9 pm:
Splash in to *Water Wars*.
Expect to get soaked! Students should bring a towel, change of clothes, and a snack to share.
Cost—\$5