

## Small Group Questions

### Colossians 2:10 – Complete Justification in Christ

1. Why is justification so important to us?
2. Answer the following questions and discuss your answers:
  - a. Does justification make you righteous and holy before God? Yes or No?
  - b. Which saves a sinner, infused righteousness, or imputed righteousness?
    - i. Try to discuss the important difference between these two doctrines.
    - ii. Why is this distinction important?
  - c. Which is an act of God within us, justification or regeneration?
  - d. Which is a judgement of God regarding us, justification or regeneration?
    - i. Is this important? Why or why not?
    - ii. How would you explain this to someone who asks? Does the surgeon illustration help?
3. If God declares us righteous, knowing that we are actually sinners, how can He be righteous Himself?
  - a. Romans 3-4, along with 2 Corinthians 5:21, may be helpful, if you get stuck.
  - b. When God examines the facts of our case, what does He see that He declares us “innocent?” Romans 5:17-19
  - c. Why is God, the Judge, required to declare those of us who are in Christ, righteous, holy, and innocent of all charges?
4. Are we justified on account of our faith?
  - a. What is the difference between being justified “on account of our faith” and being justified “by faith”?
  - b. Why is this important?
5. How does the doctrine of justification give you an exalted view of God?
  - a. What would an exalted view of God do for your evangelism? For your family?
  - b. What would an exalted view of God do for our struggle with being distracted by the world?
6. How does the doctrine of justification motivate for holiness?