



## Jehovah Tsidkenu: "God Our Righteousness"

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, "As the Lord lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt," <sup>8</sup> but "As the Lord lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them." Then they shall live in their own land."

Jeremiah 23:1-8

God is doing a \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer 23:3-4)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 1:28)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 17:28)

Through a \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer 23:5-6)

Who \_\_\_\_\_ on an \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Sam 7:11-13, 16)

Who is the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Isaiah 11, Zech 3:1-10, 6:12-15)

Who \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_  
(Jer 23:6, Romans 3)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer 23:7-8)

### MEMORY VERSE

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21

### MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Commit my life to Jesus Christ for the first time.
- Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Ask God to help me live into the righteous identity He has given me through Christ
- Confess to God that I have been leaning on my own righteousness and not His
- Trust Jesus the Righteous King to deal with the chaos in my life
- Get the most out of today's teaching by attending my Life group this week



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## Discussion Questions - Week #3

# LIFEGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Jehovah Tsidkenu: The Lord Our Righteousness," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### GETTING STARTED

- This weekend we heard that God's righteousness is something we receive freely. Other than God's righteousness, what's the best thing you've gotten for free?
- Romans 3:10-12 tells us there is "no one who is righteous" and "no one who does good, not even one." How do you think your non-believing friends and family would react to those statements? Do think they would agree or disagree and why?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. The sermon on the Mount contains some of Jesus' most challenging words. In the beatitudes, he stated: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." Shortly after that he told us of the type of righteousness for which he was looking. Read Matthew 5:17-20. What do you think Jesus meant in saying that he came to "fulfill the law and the prophets"?

Do you think this passage means we need to go back to eating kosher and observing the Sabbath? If not, how do we apply this?

How is it possible for our righteousness to surpass that of the Pharisees?

2. As Americans, many of us prize our freedom above everything else. With that in mind, the Apostle Paul's words are incredibly counter cultural. Read Romans 6:11-18. Is being a slave to righteousness appealing to you?

How do you think we go about offering our bodies as instruments of righteousness?

What do you think is the connection between the pattern of teaching we follow and the life of righteousness we live?

What does it matter that we follow this pattern from our hearts?

3. If anyone had reason to boast in their own righteousness, it would have been the Apostle Paul. And yet Paul referred to his accomplishments as garbage. Read Philippians 3:1-14. How would you summarize this passage in your own words?

What do you think is the danger in putting confidence in our accomplishments?

In what ways are you tempted to do so?

How might your life look different if you were to believe by faith that Christ's righteousness was enough for you in each moment of life?

### TAKING IT HOME

☞ What challenge or encouragement from the message this weekend do you need to keep before you this week?

☞ How can the group be praying for you to grow more in the righteousness Christ declared you to be?

### PRAYER REQUESTS