



Sermon Discussion Guide

November 2, 2025 | Romans 5:12-21 | Jerrod

SUMMARY

Big Idea: Adam gave us death, Christ gives us life

To finish out the section of Chapters 1-5, Paul dives deep into the history of man and sin. He compares and contrasts two men: Adam and Christ. Knowing the theology behind these two men's existence and purposes will cultivate our appreciation of and joy in God's saving love. Mankind is not neutral, and death is a consequence of sin invading this world. God brought us the good and greater Adam to give us grace that leads to life forevermore. Leaders: The chart on page 2 should help boil down Paul's thinking into clear categories.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro:

1. When have the decisions and actions of a leader directly benefited you, maybe in ways you did not deserve, or perhaps even initially think about?
 - a. When have the decision and actions of a leader directly impacted you in difficult, painful, or sad ways?

Read Romans 5:12-21

2. What does Paul desire for us to know about Adam? (You can use the chart, but be sure to also see it in the text!)
 - a. How does knowing this about Adam inform our understanding of who "we" are?
 - b. What about this teaching is either ignored or denied in our culture?
 - c. What about this teaching do you struggle to remember?
3. What does Paul desire for us to know (and celebrate!) about Christ? (You can use the chart, but be sure to also see it in the text!)
 - a. How does knowing this about Christ inform our understanding what God offers to those who believe?
 - b. Why is knowing and remembering this each day so essential for you?
4. Verse 20a. What does Paul mean when he says, "the law came in to increase the trespass"?
5. Verse 20b. "...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." Why is this good news for your soul this week?
6. How could this passage, Romans 5:12-21, inform your articulation of the Gospel?

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** - That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ;
 - b. **Belong** - to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** - to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** - to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)

Romans 5:12-21 (Chart from sermon)

	Adam the First Man	Christ the Second Man
Role	Head of the <i>old</i> creation; represents humanity in sin	Head of the <i>new</i> creation; represents believers in righteousness
Action	Disobedience, trespass, sin	Obedience, grace, righteousness
Result	Condemnation and death for all under him	Justification and life for all united to him
Dominion	Sin and death reign through Adam	Grace and life reign through Christ