

CHURCH
"Everyone is Invited"
Week of January 24, 2016
Romans 3:21-26

CENTRAL TRUTH: Everyone is welcome to stay in the church because God's sacrifice allows us to be accepted and loved for who we are.

Introduction:

1. "Loved people love people." If this statement is true, who has demonstrated love to you?
2. What is your love language? Have you ever wondered why this is your love language? (We probably have people who modeled or influenced us to shape us in this way).
3. In the opening story, Hyo shared why he felt reluctant to share his "real" side. Have you ever felt that way in the church?

Main Discussion:

4. In Romans 3:21-26, when Paul describes that there is "no distinction", what is he referring to? What is the main idea of that specific passage? If this is true, what are the implications? How should it inform and/or challenge the church to be a place where we all stand on level plains before God?
5. Hyo described the phrase "righteousness of God" as having a right standing with God. Do you feel like you have a right standing with God at this time? Why or why not? Please share with the group where you feel like you're at in your relationship with God.
6. In Hyo's chart on acceptance, which phase or step the hardest step for you? Why is that so?
 - a. Have you ever loved anyone unconditionally?
 - b. Why is this kind of love (acceptance) important for the church mission?
7. Hyo shared how he his mother's example of sacrifice profoundly shaped the person he is today. Is there a person who has exemplified sacrifice in your

life? How has it shaped the way you relate with others or influence the way you view other people?

Prayer Time:

8. Is there anyone in your life that God is encouraging you to reach out and love? Please take some time this week to pray for them and the journey they are on with God.