

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of November 19, 2017

**This Week's Focus:** The Five Solas of the Reformation: *Solus Christus*

**This Week's Text:** Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Acts 4:8-12; Romans 3:22-26

"Since all of us, born in sin and God's enemies, have earned nothing but eternal wrath and hell so that everything we are and can do is damned, and there is no help or way of getting out of this predicament, therefore another man had to step into our place, namely Jesus Christ, God and man, and had to render satisfaction to make payment for sin through his suffering and death." **Martin Luther**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- Briefly define and discuss the four solas we have studied so far – *Sola Scripture*, *Sola Gratia*, *Sola Fide*, *Solus Christus*. Why were these declarations championed by the Reformers, what were they in opposition to, and why are they still important for us today?
- What did Martin Luther misunderstand about the person and work of Jesus Christ that initially gave him great anxiety and fear? Do you struggle with a fear of God? Discuss how trusting in the work of Jesus Christ forever frees us from the righteous wrath of God. Reference Romans 5:6-11.
- Why did Luther and the Reformers take issue with the Roman Catholic Church promoting priests, Mary, and other saints to the level of divine mediators? What is the role of a mediator? Why is Jesus Christ the only fit mediator between God and men? Reference 1 Timothy 2:5-6.
- What does it mean that our sin leaves us indebted to God? Reference Romans 6:23. Why does sin anger God? How are love and anger related? Give some examples from your own life when you responded in anger when someone you love was hurt.
- Discuss how Jesus' substitutionary atoning work was both *necessary* and *sufficient* to save us from the wrath of God. Reference Isaiah 53:4-6, Hebrews 7:23-27.

- How is Jesus' propitiatory work different from the wrath-appeasing sacrifices of pagan religions? Do you see how Jesus' penal substitutionary work beautifully portrays the justice, love, and grace of God?
- Does the exclusivity of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Reference Acts 4:12, John 14:6) and the good news of his substitutionary atoning work (*Solus Christus*) propel you to declare and demonstrate the gospel to the world? What are some practical ways we can declare and demonstrate the gospel in our pluralistic culture?