

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21

OPEN:

1. What personality traits do you have from each of your parents? If you are a parent, how do you see yourself reflected in your own children?

DIG:

1. How does Paul sum up the "bad news" of the Bible in vv 12-14? Think of a decision you made that affected others in a bad way. How does this help you understand vs 12?
2. From vv 15-19, in two columns, list the comparisons and contrasts between Adam and Jesus. What do you learn about the work of Christ from this list?
3. From 5:1-21, What do you note about what God has done through Jesus for us? How does this help you understand the meaning of God's grace (vv 1, 15, 17, 20, 21)?
4. How does this chapter illustrate why "Grace and Peace to you (v 1:7) is such an apt greeting for Christ followers?

REFLECT:

1. Does the Gospel message excite you as much as it excites Paul? Why or why not? What could help you feel anew it's vitality?