

***Righteousness That Really Works!***  
*A Personal and Small Group Experience*

*What I think would be a really great idea is for you or your small group, if that is how you are experiencing this study, would watch the “Luther” movie. The historical education is great but more than that the journey of faith is real and palpable. This would be a great experience. Copies of this movie are readily available. If you would like to borrow one to watch the movie we have copies available in the ministry office!*

*One critical point that really needs to be considered as you watch the movie is the whole idea of righteousness. Notice how Luther was trying to get in a right relationship with God on a quest for peace in his heart? He desperately wanted peace and a sense of value, identity and wholeness of life. Discuss this. Discuss the added burden Luther had of not getting “valuing” from His earthly father! Do you think people struggle with this added burden today? What about you! How does our sense of “worth, identity, value, righteousness” from our earthly fathers (families) affect our personal journey of trusting God’s offer of “worth, identity, valuing, righteousness!”*

*What were Luther’s attempts at “self-righteousness”?*

*I believe he was just following the recipe that his culture gave him as to how to gain “righteousness”!*

*What are our attempts at “self-righteousness”?*

*What recipe does our culture give us for gaining personal righteousness?*

*Spend some time with the following verses and notice words and phrases that give you hope and peace with regards to “righteousness” in your inner most being! Cling to these beautiful words from God to you!*

*Romans 1:16-17*

*Romans 5:1-21*

*Romans 8:1-11*

# **Righteousness.....??**

## **“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide**

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

**This Page** has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

**The Center Pages contain** the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from [www.pointofgracechurch.org](http://www.pointofgracechurch.org)

**The Back Page** has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

## *Scripture & Meditation Guide - October 31-November 5*

### **Helpful Hints:**

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart and offload your heart of stifling, burdens, guilt, worry etc.!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention. As you read and reread keep asking God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?” “How are You inviting me to respond? Keep talking it over with Him—chew!
- 4) Pray (and journal) everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!

*Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him*

**Monday:** Romans 1:8-17

**Tuesday:** Romans 3:21-26

**Wednesday:** Romans 5:1-11

**Thursday:** Romans 5:12-19

**Friday:** Romans 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Ephesians 2:1-10