



# What makes the good news...good news?

Romans 5v12-21

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016

- Pattern of sound teaching
- How deep is the hole we are in? (v12)
- Playing uphill?



- **Powerless**
- **Christ our representative (v15-19)**
- **Reign in life (v17)**

- **The good news means...**

**Conversation starter:**

What is the best piece of news you've had recently?

# Discussion group questions



Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

- Remind the group the first time you heard the good news about Jesus. What was it that stood out to you?
- What does our world understand by 'sin'? Do you find it a hard or easy thing to talk about? Why?
- How do you react to the idea of 'original sin' handed down to you? (v12)
- Why might we naturally want to downplay the power of sin in our lives. Do you?
- Compare the way Adam represents us and the way Jesus can represent us (v15-19). Thinking personally, why is this such good news?
- What difference does the passage suggest this good news should make to us now, and for eternity? (Feel free to look further than just our verses, but stick to the text!)
- How should these verses shape the way we help one another see our sin, and where we find hope to change?

## At Work

- How am I perceived as a Christian at work (or garden fence etc)? Do I expect people to 'behave' in a moral way around me? Is this fair?

## Digging deeper

- As Christians, what is the role of the law? What is it that controls and shapes our behaviour now?

Pray that we would see and treat one another through the lens of the gospel.