# Sunday 27th April – Connect Group Questions

## Read Romans 3:21-26

1: Some commentators have said that verse 21 may be the most important verse in the Bible, and the phrase “but now” the most important two words.

 How far do you agree with those sentiments?

 What would be your most important verse?

 Share any “but now” moment that you have experienced

2: What do you understand by “the righteousness of God” (v 21)? How does this idea affect your outlook on life? (Ephesians 4: 20-24 may help here)

3: In v 22 Paul tells us that “this righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ.”

 What do you understand by that verse?

4: Paul distinguishes between Jewish and Gentile attitudes towards God. What would he write if the letter was addressed to our generation, about contemporary society’s relationship with God?

5: How would you explain the words

 *Redemption, propitiation and justification*

To a Christian enquirer in an understandable way?

6: Imagine that you were a slave listening to Phoebe reading Paul’s letter, and hearing the section on redemption for the first time. How would you feel? What would you be thinking? How excited would you be?

How can we share that excitement, separated as we are from the original events by time and culture?