



## Leader's Guide

Week of November 5

Sola Fide

## The Big Idea

Sola Fide – faith alone brings about righteousness.

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## Getting Started

1. Is God a source of joy for you or a source of anxiety? How and/or why?
  2. What difference has faith made in your life? What about the lives of those around you?
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## Digging In

1. **Read Romans 1:17 & Romans 4:5.** What is righteousness? Can we “get” it? How?  
**\*Leader's Note:** This is a massive question; but you might just turn the discussion to talking about how Luther, at least, understood righteousness. Luther studied this passage and declared that righteousness is something that we cannot get from doing good works, but that it is something that God gives to us freely out of grace. Righteousness is our legal standing before God as we're declared blameless from sin through Jesus.
  2. **Read Romans 5:1 & James 2:24.** If works are not part of the equation, why worry about living a good life, a moral life, an ethical life? Is James contradicting Paul?  
**\*Leader's Note:** Context is key here to understanding James. We are justified by faith alone, but this faith, if genuine, does not remain alone. If faith is genuine, it will be accompanied by good works. If you say you believe in Jesus, but it's not accompanied by good works of any kind, then you've got what James calls dead faith.
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## Looking Around

1. Do you think your works will save you? Do you live like your works will save you?
2. Do you have genuine faith in Jesus?
3. What works in your life do you think are evidence that you do have faith in Jesus? (Be careful not to brag here about good things you do; but be humble and honest about how your life is different because of the faith you have in Jesus – perhaps you are doing things that someone who doesn't know Jesus would ever dream of doing – let that be an encouragement to the other people in your Life Group).

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## Pray

Praise God for his incredible grace! Thank him for being the good God who is worthy of having faith in! If you don't have real faith in who Jesus is, take the opportunity to trust him and improve your life forever!