1. When Scripture says that someone is justified by God, this means that they receive the righteousness of Christ as their own. This happens through trust in the work of Jesus.
2. All of us have sinned by failing to give God the glory He deserves.
3. Our only hope for forgiveness from God is through His grace which comes as a gift in Christ Jesus.
4. On the cross Jesus took the wrath that we deserved in our place as long as we are receiving this blessing through faith in Him.
5. It is only through the work of Christ that God might reveal Himself to be both just by punishing sin and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus Christ.
6. Because righteousness comes only through faith and not through works, no one can boast that they earned it themselves.
7. Justification is through faith alone for both Jew and Gentile.

Application

1. Be kind to one another and forgive one another.
2. Remember the wrath of God that we all deserve and throw yourself on God’s mercy in Christ.
3. Stop trying to justify yourself by falsely boasting in your own goodness.