



## Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Psalm 14:1-4

Sermon: No One Is Righteous

Sermon Series: The Generation of the Righteous

**Introduction:** In Psalm 14 David reflects on the theme of righteousness. In verse 5 he writes, “God is with the generation of the righteous”. This strange phrase draws to the surface important questions for us to consider. What does it mean to be righteous? How do we become a righteous generation? And finally, how can we raise a righteous generation? In this first look we will consider Scripture’s teaching that no one is righteous and how the Gospel speaks to our greatest need.



### Into the Word

“Humans are glorious ruins” - Francis Schaeffer

How does Psalm 14 describe “the fool”?

Note: Notice the universal application of this truth.

Consider: Romans 1:18-23

How would you describe what God is looking for in this psalm?

Note: Scripture teaches that we were created to reflect God’s righteous character: holiness, justice, and blamelessness.

Consider: Romans 3:23

Read Philippians 3:8-9. How does this passage describe righteousness?

Note: Notice the contrast between self-righteousness and Christ’s righteousness.



### Into the Heart

“Our righteousness is worthless compared to God’s righteousness.”

What are ways we can reject or ignore God in your lives?

What standard of righteousness are we often tempted to replace God’s standard with?

Why do you think we struggle to consistently trust in Christ’s righteousness?



### Into the World

*The Bible is not a manual for self-righteousness but a rescue story.*

Describe the life of someone who approaches the Bible as a manual for self-righteousness? Describe the life of someone who approaches the Bible as a rescue story? How are they different?