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A **TRANSFORMATION CHURCH** SERIES

SERMON: *Yahweh Tsidkenu - The Lord Is Our Righteousness*

SUMMARY:

When we read the Bible, we see God described with many different names. These names give us insight into His character. Specifically, God's names describe His redemptive action in human history. Each week of this series we will explore a different name of God as described in Scripture. This week we will focus on the name *Yahweh Tsidkenu*, which translates to The Lord is Our Righteousness.

When the world is unrighteous, God's people need the gift of God's righteousness so we can live righteously, bringing Him glory and us happiness. In the Bible the words righteous and justice are interchangeable. The righteousness/justice of Yahweh is His eternal faithfulness in keeping His covenantal promise to heal and fill His people and the world with His glory. In other words, the way in which God displays his righteousness is by keeping His promise to save humanity and make us a part of His multiethnic, multigenerational family. He receives glory from this, and we receive true and lasting happiness.

It's important to note that none of us are righteous on our own. We become righteous through the blood of Jesus. Being "in Christ" makes us righteous. We can then go on to live righteous lives by the Holy Spirit's power. Again, not in and of ourselves, but through God. That's good news!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Jeremiah is a prophet from the Old Testament. He lived during the time when God's people were exiled in Babylon due to their sin. God called up prophets, like Jeremiah, during this time to call God's people to repent of their sins and turn back to Him. The name Yahweh Tsidekenu appears twice in the Bible, both times in the book of Jeremiah.

Read Jeremiah 33:15-16.

What is the promise God is making in these verses?

What will this righteous descendent do?

*What does it mean to be righteous?
Who do you think these verses are prophesying about? How do you know?*

Read Matthew 5:6.

*What is the promise for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness?
How will they be filled?
Has there ever been a time when you have hungered for righteousness?
Share about that experience.*

Read Romans 3:25-26. A sacrifice of atonement is necessary because God is holy, and sin cannot be in His presence.

*Who fulfills the necessary sacrifice?
What benefit do we receive as a result of the sacrifice?*

Read Romans 5:18-19.

*Who is the man mentioned in verse 19 by which many were made sinners? (You can read more about that in Genesis 3)
Who is the one man mentioned in verse 19 by which many were made righteous? (You can read more about that in Romans 5:8-9).*

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Those in Christ share in the righteousness of God, are faultless in God's sight, and are fully pleasing to God, based on the shed blood of Jesus.

*What is the difference between trying to live by your own righteousness and choosing to live by the righteousness of Jesus?
Have you personally received the righteousness of God? If not, ask your group leader how you can do that today.*

End your time in prayer.