

Community Group Discussion Guide

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The Gospel in Romans Week 3 - Looking Inward Romans 2

Introduction

The book of Romans is brilliant apologetic for the Christian faith. Know this book well and it will equip you to share your faith in Christ. The title for this series is taken from Paul's personal declaration of confidence in the gospel.

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

Questions for Study

- 1. If you were asked to summarize Romans 1 in just two sentences what would you say?
- 2. How is knowledge of the "wrath of God" a gift to all those who understand it?
- 3. When you read Romans 2 what is the shift that you see taking place? Who is Paul directing his statements to?
- 4. What was the primary problem that is being addressed in Romans chapter 2?
- 5. In what ways have you found it easier to see the sins of others before seeing your own? Who are you prone to thoughtlessly consider inferior or sinful, compared to yourself?
- 6. According to verses 1-4, why is it dangerous to judge someone else?
- 7. What is the difference between human's judgment and God's judgment (vs.1-4)? What is God's judgment based on?
- 8. What do you think it means to: "show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience," (vs. 4)?
- 9. When living without a continual "posture of humility and repentance" where are we left? How does our conscience become a gift from God?
- 10. Reread verse 16. What is the significance of these three words, "through Jesus Christ", to the Christ follower? How has your view of God been impacted by studying Romans 1 & 2?
- 11. If you were sharing the Gospel with a friend, how would Romans 1-3 impact your presentation?