



Life Group Study Questions Romans 2:1-16

1. Read Romans 2:1-16 together. As you think about this weekend's sermon, what stood out to you? What questions come to mind based on the passage? Was there anything unclear or confusing?
2. Why do you think human beings fall into the "comparison trap"? For Christians, why is it so much easier to spot sin in someone's else's life than in our own?
3. In verse 4, Paul says that God's kindness, forbearance and patience are meant to lead us to repentance. Have you ever mistaken God's patience for approval of your behaviour? Why would God's kindness motivate our repentance?
4. In verse 6 Paul says God will "render to each one according to his works". Does this contradict Paul's teaching on salvation by faith? How would reconcile the apparent differences?
5. Read Ephesians 2:4-10 together. Walk through Paul's view on faith, grace, salvation and works. (Consider if works are the *basis* for salvation, or *evidence* of salvation)
6. In our modern culture, what are the "badges" we think give us an advantage or special treatment with God? Have you found yourself buying into the idea that God will be pleased with certain advantages you have? Why is verse 11 so important?
7. In verses 14-15 Paul says that even those who don't have the Law have a conscience that acts as a law. Have you ever experienced (or know someone who has) a moral tug in your heart that you couldn't explain through logic alone?
8. Why is it important to remember that all people stand before God on level ground? How do you battle pride or hypocrisy in your own heart?