

## **The Mirror We Avoid**

### **Romans: The Power of the Gospel**

**Passage: Romans 2:1-29**

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#### **II. God's Judgment is Perfectly Impartial (vv. 6-11)**

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### ***SMALL GROUP & REFLECTION QUESTIONS***

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1. In what areas of life do you find yourself most critical of others? What might that reveal about your own heart?
2. Have you ever confused God's patience with God's approval? What did that look like, and what corrected it?
3. Where is the gap most visible in your own life between what you know and what you live?
4. What does "circumcision of the heart" look like practically in your present season of life?
5. How does this passage change how you think about religious privilege or spiritual advantage?
6. Where are you cooperating with the Spirit's interior work, and where are you resisting it?

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### ***FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS***

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#### **For Conversation Around the Table**

1. What spiritual privileges has our family been given (church, Bible access, Christian friends, Christian education, etc.)?
2. How can spiritual privileges become something we rely on instead of relying on Christ?
3. Are there any areas where we are teaching our children something that we are not consistently practicing ourselves?
4. How can we model repentance in our home rather than pretending to be perfect?
5. Where do we need the Holy Spirit to do heart work in our family right now?

#### **Memory Verse for the Week**

"A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly... circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit." — Romans 2:28–29

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