



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: God is Right to Punish the Moralist

Flowing out of 1:18-32, our passage argues against the self-righteous and self-sufficient moralist. Paul warns the one who judges others to take caution because God will judge mankind based on works. This part of the gospel message is often undertaught and certainly under-believed. There are no exceptions to God's judgment, because God shows no partiality.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro:

1. When are you most tempted to judge (look down on, scoff at) others? Why is this so easy?

Read Romans 2:1-5

2. How do these verses relate to last week? (note: When Paul says "same things" in v1, and such things" in v2 and again in v3, what "things" does he have in mind?)
3. For what reason does Paul shift his pronoun use from "they" in ch 1, to "you" in ch 2?
4. In what way will we all "have no excuse" before God's judgment?
5. Reflect on verse 4. What is God's intended purpose or outcome of his kindness?
 - a. How are you tempted to receive God's kindness, but reject his call to repentance?

Read Romans 2:6-11

6. How is judgment according to our works (v6), in agreement and harmony with salvation that is by faith alone (1:16-17; 3:20-22)
7. See verse 11. In school, was it right/just for teachers to grade on a curve or use a sliding scale?
 - a. How does this relate to God's judgment, and the fact that he does not show partiality?
 - b. Why is it important to know that God does not compromise or shift the standard (grade-scale) of his holiness?
8. Why do you think we do not talk about the judgment of God in the same way that we talk about the grace of God?
9. Is there anything in this passage that is confusing? Is there anything that you heard or thought about for the first time, or in a new way?
10. How does this passage bring glory to Jesus, and bolster your ability to be unashamed of his gospel?

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** - That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ;
 - b. **Belong** - to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** - to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** - to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)