

# Week 5 - Romans Series

## *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

### **Introductory Discussion:**

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

### **Read Romans 2:1-11**

### **Discussion:**

1. Who laid down the law in your home when you were growing up? How did you feel about it? Was it fair, just or kind?
2. From 2:17, who is the “you” Paul specifically addresses here in 2:1? Given that the Roman church was a mix of Jewish and Gentile converts, what tensions might exist in this church (vv. 1-5)?
3. Since idolatry (1:28) and homosexuality (1:27) were considered very scandalous sins by the Jewish community, how would they feel reading 2:1-4? In what ways might they be guilty of the same basic causes of sin Paul describes in 1:18 and 1:21?
4. Given verse 3, what type of judgment of others might still be legitimate? What type of judgment is forbidden here?
5. What evidence do you see in verses 5-11 that God’s kindness to these people has led to presumption rather than repentance? How are they in the same boat as the people in 1:18-32?
6. How do you reconcile 1:17, where Paul says righteousness is by faith, with that he says about doing good in 2:7? What is Paul’s point in this section?
7. How does the emphasis here on God’s judgment make a difference in how you view your life before God?
8. Has God’s kindness led you toward real love for Him? How so? Or do you now take the relationship for granted? Why?
9. Do you see yourself as an “egregious sinner” (1:18-32)? Or as a “respectable sinner” (2:1-11)? What difference does it make with God?

**Prayer:** Take time to pray together as a group.