

ROMANS

POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 2:17-29

Check Yourself

2.13.21

Small Group Discussion Guide:

These are questions you could possibly use for small group discussion.

Opening Questions:

1. Pastor Bryan said that “religion cannot save.” What comes to mind when you hear the word *religion*?
2. What is the difference between religion and a relationship with God?

Let's break the passage into two sections.

Read: Romans 2:17-24

4. What is Paul identifying as the problem with the religious (Jews)?
5. Being religious can cause you to look down on others. How have you seen Christians claim to be morally superior to those around them?
6. Verse 21 says that the religious taught the truth but failed to live it. Take a moment and share with your small group one way you have seen truth lived out in your life. What is one area you have seen change in your life as a result of truth from the Word of God?
7. Verse 24 warns that living a hypocritical Christian life can cause unbelievers to blaspheme God's name. How have you seen the actions of the church or individuals turn people away from Christ?
8. How have you been hurt by hypocritical Christians?

APPLICATION: What part of your life have you not submitted to God that you could this week?

Read: Romans 2:25-29

Let's focus on verse 29.

9. What outward things do you care too much about and what inward things do you care too little about?



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10. What would your best friend say about you? Do you desire the praise of man or God more?
11. What areas of your life do you specifically desire praise from man?
12. What insecurities or anxiety does this reveal in your life?

APPLICATION: What practices or habits could you put into place to give room for the Holy Spirit to work on your heart?

Take time pray for one another as you wrap up your time.