

Do the Self-Righteous Need the Gospel Too?

PASTOR JONATHAN WILEY & ROMANS 2:1-16



WARM UP

What's something you hope to accomplish before the end of 2017?

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

MOPS Kiddie Konsignment Saturday, October 14, 8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. (Half-Off Sale). Learn more at GracePolaris.org/MOPS

Communion Sunday, October 15, 12:15 p.m., FC main gym

Baptism Sunday, October 22. Register at GracePolaris.org/Baptism

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Read Romans 2:1-16. What jumps out at you from the passage and/or from Sunday's sermon?
- 2 Our human nature inclines us to see evil and depravity in others but to completely ignore it in our own lives. How have you seen this to be true in someone else or in your own heart?
- 3 God's kindness, tolerance, and patience serve to lead us to repentance (2:4). How have you seen undeserved kindness break through a hard heart? How has kindness from God or others changed you?
- 4 How does the concept of God's wrath and judgment strike you? Why is this so difficult for many in our society? Can you reconcile a God of love with a God of judgment? How?
- 5 Salvation is clearly a gift of God's grace received through faith (Romans 1:16,17; 3:21-24; 5:1,2; Ephesians 2:1-10). Salvation cannot be earned through good works or our own merit. In light of these truths, how do you explain the significance of good works in Romans 2:6-10?
- 6 Why do you think that so many people — including Christians — have a difficult time accepting the truth that God's offer of salvation can only be received by faith and that there's nothing we can do to earn it? What traps are easy to fall into when we believe that we can or must earn God's favor?
- 7 God's righteous, based-on-truth, impartial, secret-exposing judgment is both fabulous and frightful. Why?

PRAY

Ask God to help you see how great His kindness is to you and that it would lead you to repentance where needed.