

How Can I Possibly Honor God?

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WARM UP

What new skill, hobby, or interest would you like to pursue?

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

GraceKIDS Volunteer Opportunities Sunday mornings. GracePolaris.org/Kids

Trunk or Treat Thursday, October 26, 6:00 p.m., North parking lot

Simply Speechless 3 Concert Sunday, October 29, 7:00 p.m., WC auditorium

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 In what setting or area of life is hypocrisy most grating to you? Why? Where are you most open to the charge of hypocrisy?
- 2 Paul's statements in Romans 2:17-24 place the Jews under God's microscope. However, it's possible to insert "professing Christians" in that passage as well. In your mind, what are the top claims that professing Christians make which too often turn out to be hollow?
- 3 The Jews claimed that they were "good with God" on the basis of circumcision. What words could replace "circumcision" and be readily applied to how people around us think they are "good with God."
- 4 One response to the possible charge of being a hypocrite is to stop claiming any religious affiliation or moral standard (2:24). That way, others can't accuse you of hypocrisy. Is that a good solution for you? What are the implications of that strategy?
- 5 Read Mark 7:1-8, 14-23. How do Jesus' comments highlight why the "circumcision of the heart" in Romans 2:29 is so essential?
- 6 Read Romans 8:1-10. What does this passage tell us about the transforming work of the Holy Spirit at which Romans 2:29 hints?
- 7 Romans 2 reminds us that we are hopeless hypocrites and smug sinners in need of divine intervention. How might this be liberating news for you?

PRAY

Pray this prayer of David from Psalm 19:14 for yourself: "May the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."