

The Heart of the Matter

12. How open are you to receiving someone into your small group or inner circle of friends who is seeking God but struggling with sin issues?

13. What areas of hypocrisy do you struggle with the most?

14. In what areas might you think you are more superior to others? Your spirituality? Your Bible knowledge? Your wisdom? Your maturity? Your morality? Your political views? Your lack of hypocrisy?

15. What steps do you need to take in your life so that your walk with God matches your talk about God? When will you start?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Grace of His Salvation Romans 2:17-29 For the Week of October 20, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Does your conscience bother you when you break the speed limit?

3. What are some things that people try to do to impress others? To impress God?

Digging Deeper

4. It's possible that the Jews of Paul's day thought that they were in a better position before God than the Gentiles. Why? How does this kind of spiritual arrogance show up in the church today?

5. From verses 17-28, list the things the Jews were doing that might have given them the impression that they were very spiritual people and therefore approved by God.

6. What was the original intent of the law and of circumcision? (Genesis 17:1-14) How are the Jews in Paul's day twisting things here in this passage?

7. What level of righteousness does God require of His people? How far do we fail to meet this demand?

8. In Jesus' parable about the Pharisees and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14, who was the Pharisee judging himself by? Why could he judge himself so high? Why could the tax collector not raise his eyes to heaven? Why did Jesus commend him for his statement?

9. Why is Paul (a Jew) so vocal about gentiles not having to be circumcised to come into the church?

10. What does Paul mean by "circumcision of the heart"? (V29; Deuteronomy 10:16, 30:6; Jeremiah 4:4, 9:25-26) Why does a "circumcised heart" meet with God's approval?

11. What is the real inward mark of our being part of God's family? What is the outward sign for the church that has replaced circumcision?