

LifeGroup Study SheetFeb 5th and Feb 8th, 2026 – Romans 2:1-11

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Have you ever had to stand before a judge before? When was a time you caught yourself judging something or someone and later realized you didn't have the full story? Why do you think judging others can feel like the "standard operating procedure" of our hearts?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 2:1-3. Why do you think Paul says those that judge other people will "condemn themselves?" Is this passage saying that Christians never have the "right" to judge anyone? Why or why not? How do you need to repent of your self-righteous attitude toward others? What does verses 2-3 show us about how God judges differently than humans? These verses should help us reflect on people we feel judgmental towards but often practice some of the same things we are critical of! How have you seen this in your own walk with the Lord?

How is Matthew 7:1-5 help you practice this same principle?

Question 2: Read Romans 2:4-6. These next few verses are important for us to understand about God's kindness, patience and forbearance towards us! How does understanding God's wrath also help us understand God's kindness (v.4)? What is the end goal of God's kindness? What does Paul mean by a "hard and unrepentant heart" (v.5)? Have you ever had to repent for having a stubborn heart? How does verse 6 challenge the common assumptions about faith, works, and salvation? Why does how we live matter? Does it give us a relationship with God?

Question 3: Read Romans 2:7-11. How does verses 7-8 remind Christ-followers that when we know and follow Jesus through faith, our life will produce "good deeds?" **Matthew 7:16-20, John 15:4-8.** In what ways do these verses show spiritual fruit does not make someone a Christian, but reveals one? How do these verses challenge you? Why is it important that God does not show "favoritism?"

Question 4: How did Pastor Jeff's explanation of the differences between "being sorry," "confession" and "repentance" help you understand this passage better? How have seen these play out in your life?

God's Judgment & Man's Repentance

Sorry	vs.	Confession	vs.	Repentance
to regret		to admit		to change
I feel bad about my sin		I agree with God about my sin		I am turning from my sin
Emotional		Verbal		Directional
2 Cor. 7:10		1 John 1:9		Acts 3:19

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?