

**LifeGroup Study Sheet**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Romans 2:12-29

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**

What gives you a sense of security? Have you ever had a situation where the thing that gave you security was found out to be unreliable? What happened? What can give a false sense of security in this world?

**Digging In**

**Question 1: Read Romans 2:12-16.** These verses specifically talk about God's impartiality when it comes to judgment. Pastor Jeff talked about this being a "false security of their knowledge." The Jews has the Law had and the Gentiles did not have the Law – Romans is saying both are accountable to God! What do you think Paul means about the "law being written on their heart?" (v.15) How does this relate back some of the things God makes evident to humans in Romans 1:19-20? How have you seen God's law written on your heart or your conscience? Why could having the right "knowledge" lead to a false sense of security?

**Question 2: Read Romans 2:17-24.** Paul specifically addresses having spiritual knowledge and not obeying what that knowledge says. Pastor Jeff called this the "false security of their name." The Jews thought their name gave them a superiority towards anyone else, especially because they had the Law. Why do you think knowledge or a specific "title" can often times increase pride rather than humility? The topic of hypocrisy comes up again in this passage like it did in chapter 2:1. Why is hypocrisy especially contrary to the character and reputation of God? Why does Paul specifically keep addressing hypocrisy? Where, in your spiritual walk with Jesus today, are you most tempted to "teach but not practice"?

**Question 3: Read Romans 2:25-29.** Paul then talks about the outward signs of covenant (circumcision) and the meaningless of it without inward transformation. Pastor Jeff talked about this being the "false security of their practice." Why would this teaching have been shocking to Jewish listeners? What are modern "outward signs" Christians might rely on? Church attendance? Baptism? Christian family background? What does "circumcision of the heart" look like practically? How do we know if our faith has inwardly transformed versus externally performed?

The covenant sign was given to Abraham in **Genesis 17:9-14**

To help frame your discussion/answers – use these OT and NT verses on circumcision.

- **Deuteronomy 30:6** - The Lord will circumcise your heart.
- **Jeremiah 4:4** - Circumcise yourselves to the Lord

- **Philippians 3:3-4** - “We are the circumcision”
- **Colossians 2:11** - Circumcision of Christ (spiritual)

### 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?