

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ROMANS | THE KINDNESS OF GOD

OCT. 27/28 | ROMANS 2: 1-29

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Share a memorable story where you were the recipient of someone else's kindness and how it impacted you?

DIGGING IN

1. Paul is reminding the church that everyone needs the gospel, even those who think they are living a morally superior life. Describe the characteristics of that person from the text.
2. Look at verses 12-16. What do we learn about our consciences?
3. Look at vv 17-24. Here we see that their moral superiority was based on the fact that they (the Jews) were given the Law (which explained what it looks like to love God and others). But they had one thing missing—what was it and what are the ripple effects?
4. Their confidence was misplaced in thinking their heritage as Jews meant they were the chosen people of God. What did you learn about circumcision cf vv 25-29?
5. What can you learn about the character of God and His dealing with sin from this passage?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. How are you responding to the kindness of God—rejecting it through spiritual pride or receiving it in humility? Where do you need more grace when it comes to spiritual pride? Tim Keller mentions these traits ("Prodigal God", p 70): condescending, condemning, anxious, insecure, joyless and angry.
2. Christians have often come across as being judgmental. What does this passage say about that? See also Luke 18:10-14.
3. Pray for one another as a group—use Ps 51 as a guide to your prayer time. Read a verse(s) and someone pray based on that.

MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Bri Morrison at bmorrison@doorcreekchurch.org.