

Bethany Small Group Discussion Questions for the week of 9/29/13: Romans 2:6-29

Romans 2:6-12

1. Did Paul believe that some could obtain eternal life by doing good works? How does this fit with his claim that no one can be righteous before God by the works of the law (Rom 3:20)? Consider the role of verses 25-29 in this regard.

2. How would you diagram Paul's argument in verses 6-12?

Romans 2:17-25

3. Romans 2:17-25 divides into two paragraphs. Identify them and summarise the main thought in each. What is the relationship of Romans 2:17-25 to 2:1-12?

4. What is “the law” that Paul refers to?

5. What is the relationship of “circumcision” to “the law”? What do you think was God’s purpose in instituting this rite? (See Genesis 17:1-14, Leviticus 12:3, Deuteronomy 10:12-16)

6. When Paul says “you” v. 17, he is obviously addressing Jews. Is this the same audience as the “you” in v. 1?

7. Is there an application for non-Jews in this section? What is the lesson for those of us from Gentile background?