

Bethany Chapel Small Group Discussion Questions  
for the week of 9/22/13 - Romans 2:1-16

In 1:18-32, Paul refers to people as “them”. In 2:1 he switches to “you”. Why do you think he makes this change? Who is he talking to here?

Where do you see yourself in this conversation?

In 2:1 Paul says “you, the judge, practice the very same things.” What are “those things”?

In 2:2, Paul says that “the judgment of God rightly falls on those who do such things” (ESV). Do you agree with him? What is your emotional reaction to this statement?

According to 2:6-10, what does someone have to do to receive eternal life?

How do verses 15-16 affect your understanding of what it means to “do” good or evil?

“God will render to each one according to his works” (v. 6) and He “shows no partiality” (v.11). Is this good news?

Do you see a difference between religion and the Gospel? If so, what is the difference?

Do you think understanding, accepting and living according to the Gospel’s central truth of grace is ultimately harder than practicing religion? How is it harder or easier?

Do you find it hard to extend grace to others? Why or why not?

Are there areas in your Christian walk that reflect more the judgmental attitude of religion rather than the grace of the Gospel? What are they?

Should we care about how the world views us as Christians? Why or why not?

How or why did you need the Gospel this past week?