

ROMANS 2:1-11
COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 2:1-11. What did you find helpful or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
2. In Romans 1, Paul lists obvious, outward sins, but in chapter 2, he targets the church for hypocrisy. Why is it so easy for us to spot the "speck" in someone else's eye while ignoring the "log" in our own?
3. We still need to make judgments (such as parents correcting children or confronting a friend in love), but we must guard against "judgmentalism." How can we tell the difference between biblical accountability and a harsh, self-righteous, judgmental attitude?
4. How does Jesus' teaching—that internal anger equals murder and lust equals adultery—level the playing field and strip away our moral high ground?
5. We often mistake God's delayed judgment for His approval or acceptance of our "little" sins (or even "big" ones). Have you ever presumed on God's patience? How should understanding God's kindness practically lead us to repentance?
6. We looked at contrasting stories of immediate judgment (Lot's wife, Uzzah, Ananias and Sapphira) with God's current patience toward us. Why is it actually a profound grace that God doesn't strike us down the moment we sin? How does that affect you when deciding whether or not to give in to temptation?
7. It often feels like there is a tension between being "saved by grace through faith" (Ephesians 2:8-9) and being "judged according to our works" (Romans 2:6). How do you reconcile these two biblical truths? Why is the order of cause and effect so important?
8. We are told that our works are the evidence of a saved life, not the cause of it. What does this "fruit" or evidence look like in the everyday life of a believer?