

Community Group Questions
Romans 2:12-29

1. Read Romans 2:12-29. What did you find most helpful or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
2. Paul is very thorough in getting the bad news across in the early chapters of Romans. Why do you think it's so important to establish the universal guilt of humanity before jumping into the good news of the gospel?
3. How does the concept of the conscience function in Paul's argument? In what ways does our conscience both accuse and excuse us?
4. The conscience is good, but not infallible. What are some ways our consciences prove to be unreliable? (See 1 Corinthians 8:7-10; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 1:15)
5. In what ways does having the Law and knowing the Law make people even more guilty before God? Can you think of examples where we, as Christians, might do what Paul says the Jews were doing here? (see James 4:17)
6. Hypocrisy can lead to God's name being dishonored. How have you seen this play out personally or culturally?
7. Paul argues that external markers like circumcision were never the point. What are some modern-day equivalents of external religion that people might rely on?
8. If the Law exposes sin but cannot save, where does our hope come from?