

LIFEGROUPS

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Sermon-based Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe our journey through the book of Romans so far? Why do you think Paul spends so much time on sin, wrath, and judgement in the first part of his letter? Where do you think he's going with his argument?
2. Pick a section or two of Psalm 119 and read it together as a Life Group. What similarities do you see with what Paul lists in Romans 2:17-20? In what ways are God's people privileged to have his revealed word?
3. Read Romans 2:21-24. In what way was the Jews' confidence in the law misplaced? How much of God's law must be obeyed in order to be right with him?
4. Read Genesis 17:1-11 and Romans 2:25-27. What might have led Paul's fellow Jews to believe that circumcision put them in a favorable position with God? What practices might a person today think puts them in a favorable position with God? Why can't this be the case?
5. Read Romans 2:28-29 along with Deuteronomy 10:12-17; 30:6 and Ezekiel 36:25-27. What do you think is meant by *circumcision of the heart*? Why is such an inward act of heart transformation necessary?
6. Consider the story of Nicodemus in John 3:1-16. Even though Jesus doesn't speak of *circumcision of the heart* in this passage, why was that exactly what this Jewish Pharisee needed? (Bonus: Consider Paul's own story in Philippians 3:12-11).