

True followers of Jesus

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion**Open**

- When you were young, which of the adults in your home was more strict? More fair? More consistent?

Read

- Romans 2:1-11

Observe

- Who does Paul address in Romans 2:1? What might this say about the Roman church, which was a mix of Jewish and Gentile converts?
- What are “such things” that Paul finds each group guilty of in verses 3-4?
- How does what Paul says in 2:1-4 relate to verses 18 and 32 of Romans 1?
- Compare Romans 1:16-17 with 2:9-11. What do these verses say about God’s righteous judgement?

Apply

- How does Paul say that we “presume on the riches of his (God’s) kindness and forbearance and patience?” What should we do when we see this in our own lives?
- In verse 6, Paul writes that God “will render to each one according to his works.” (See Psalm 62:12 and Proverbs 24:12.) How does that relate to Ephesians 2:8-10?

Prayer

- *Ask* God to show you ways that you pass judgement on others.
- *Reflect* on the ways that you try to earn God’s favor.
- *Confess* these to God and seek his forgiveness.

Recommended Commentaries on Romans

- Romans for You, Tim Keller (The Good Book Company)
- Romans: An Introduction and Commentary, F. F. Bruce (IVP Academic)
- The Letter to the Romans (New International Commentary on the New Testament), Douglas Moo (Eerdmans)