
Small Group Discussion Guide: "All Have Sinned Part 2"



Warm Up

- **Question:** What's a time you've seen someone try to follow a set of rules perfectly, only to end up feeling discouraged or burnt out?
- **Question:** In your own life, what's a "religious" activity you've been tempted to rely on instead of relying on a relationship with Jesus? (e.g., attending church, reading the Bible, serving)



Know It

Sermon Point 1: Religion Can't Save You. (Based on Romans 2:1-8)

- **Question:** The sermon mentioned that judging others reveals our own hearts. Why is it so easy to point out the sins of others while being blind to our own?
- **Question:** Read Romans 2:4. This verse talks about God's kindness, tolerance, and patience leading us to repentance. How does focusing on God's kindness (instead of his rules) change your perspective on sin and salvation?

Sermon Point 2: Religion Can't Change You. (Based on Romans 2:17-24)

- **Question:** In Romans 2:17-20, Paul describes a person who trusts in their religion, prides themselves on their knowledge of the law, and believes they can guide others. What are some modern-day examples of this attitude within Christianity?
- **Question:** Read Romans 2:21-24. Paul accuses the religious leaders of the day of being hypocrites. What is the danger of being a "religious" person who doesn't practice what they preach? How does that impact our witness to the world?

Sermon Point 3: Only Jesus Can Save You and Change You. (Based on Romans 3:22-26)

- **Question:** Read Romans 3:22-24. Paul says that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. What does it mean to you that salvation comes "through faith in Jesus Christ" and is a free gift of "grace"?
- **Question:** The term **propitiation** is used in verse 25. This means a sacrifice that satisfies God's justice and turns away His wrath. How does understanding Jesus's death as a

propitiation change your perspective on the seriousness of sin and the completeness of His sacrifice?

- **Question:** Read Romans 3:25-26. Paul states that God presented Jesus as a sacrifice to demonstrate His righteousness. Why was it so important for God to prove His righteousness in how He handles sin, and how does this relate to His grace?



Share It

- **Question:** Have you ever felt the weight of trying to "be good" enough to please God? What was that experience like?
- **Question:** The sermon outline suggests that both rules and knowledge without a transformed heart are useless. What does true, heart-level change look like in your life? Can you share an example?



Live It

- **Question:** What is one specific thing you can do this week to shift your focus from "doing" religion to "being" in a relationship with Jesus? (Examples: setting aside time for prayer, confessing a specific sin to God, serving someone without expecting anything in return).
- **Question:** How can we, as a group, hold each other accountable and encourage one another to pursue true heart transformation, not just religious activity?
- **Prayer:** Close in prayer, asking God to reveal any areas where you are relying on religion instead of a relationship with Him. Pray for a deeper understanding of His grace and a transformed heart.