

## **“WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE!!”**

**(Rom.2:1-5)**

Having established the fact that sinful mankind stands condemned under God’s wrath (Rom.1:18-32), Paul now turns his attention to those who have a self-righteous judgmental attitude toward others who sin, with little or no regard for their own sin. He reminds us of some important truths about...

### **I. The Judgment of Men (1)**

- **Inexcusable (1a)**

*“...thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest...”*

- **Hypocritical (1b)**

*“...thou condemnest thyself; for thou doest the same things.”*

### **II. The Judgment of God (2-3)**

- **Impartial (2)**

*“But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth...”*

- **Inescapable (3)**

*“And thinkest thou...that thou shalt escape the judgment of God.”*

### **III. The Judgment of Self (4-5)**

- **Beneficial (4)**

*“Or despises thou...the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”*

- **Crucial (5)**

*“But...treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath...”*

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that was the most interesting or that challenged you the most.
2. In Rom.2:1, why does Paul strongly condemn those who are judging others for their sin? When is it right to judge and when is it wrong to judge? Discuss this in light of Mat.7:1-5; 1 Cor.2:15-16; 5:1-3; 6:1-3 & James 2:10.
3. Why might Rom.2:2-3 be especially troubling for a Jew who was trusting in his national identity to get him into Heaven? How can we “look down on sin” without having an arrogant or superior attitude toward other sinners?
4. How would you re-state Rom.2:4 in your own words? Discuss some specific ways that God has shown His goodness to us as a church, and to you in particular. Why should God’s goodness continually lead us to repentance?
5. Try to explain Rom.2:5 in your own words. How should the reality of a coming “day of wrath” motivate us?

### **DIGGING DEEPER AND LOOKING AHEAD:**

1. Rom.2:3 reminds us that no one can “escape the judgment of God.” Consider the following verses and decide whether they apply to God’s judgment of unbelievers or believers – Mat.23:33; Jn.5:22-29; Rom.14:12; 2 Cor.5:10; 1 Thes.5:3; Heb.2:23; 9:27; Rev.20:11-13.
2. Read Romans 2:1-11 several more times and jot down observations or questions, especially concerning verses 6 to 11. How can salvation be by faith alone (Eph.2:8-9), but the judgment be based on works?

**\*\*Who will you invite to the Harvest Dinner next Sunday?\***