LIFE 425 church

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

Week 4 — The Danger of Judging Others

Romans 2:1–16

Big Idea: Moral people need the gospel too.

Key Verse: "Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" — Romans 2:4 (NIV)

1. Judging Others Doesn't Make Us Righteous — Romans 2:1–5

Greek word: κρίνω (*krinō*) — to judge, condemn, or pronounce guilty.

- We are quick to notice the sins of others.
- God calls us to examine our own hearts first.
- Hypocrisy blinds us to our own need for grace.

Cross Reference: Matthew 7:3–5 — Remove the plank from your own eye first.

Application: _____

2. God's Kindness Leads Us to Repentance — Romans 2:4

- God's patience is not approval of sin.
- His kindness is an invitation to return to Him.
- Repentance means changing direction and trusting Christ.

Question: Am I responding to God's kindness with repentance?

Notes: _____

3. God Judges Fairly — Romans 2:6–11

- God shows no favoritism.
- He judges according to truth, not appearances.
- Being "better than others" cannot save us.

Cross Reference: Romans 3:23 — "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

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4. God Sees the Heart — Romans 2:12–16

- God knows our motives, thoughts, and hidden life.
- Nothing is hidden from Him.

- The gospel offers forgiveness for every heart that turns to Christ.

Cross Reference: 1 Samuel 16:7 — "People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

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This Week's Challenge

- ☐ Who am I comparing myself to?
- ☐ Is there hidden pride in my heart?
- ☐ Am I trusting in my goodness—or in Jesus?
- ☐ Is God calling me to repent of something today?

Take It Home: The world says, "Compare yourself to others." Jesus says, "Come to Me."

Bottom Line: The gospel isn't just for obviously sinful people. It's for moral, religious people too. We are all saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: Romans 2:4 — "God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance."