



## LIFE GROUP NOTES

### Romans 2



#### Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

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#### Warm Up

What dangers may there be in churches where there is little growth?

How do people sometimes react to outsiders in their church?

#### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

Romans 2 is primarily concerned with exposing that Jewish people need a Saviour just as much as non-Jewish (Gentile people).

1. What do Paul and Jesus both teach is the typical sin of religious people? (see Rom 2:1-3 & Matt. 23:27-28)
2. In what way have you been affected by hypocrisy in the church and what could you do to ensure others don't experience this?
3. How does the parable of the two lost sons in Luke 15 relate to the two ways human beings sin (irreligiously/religiously)?
4. Which sins do you think modern Christians find hardest to confess to one another? Why do you think this is?
5. How can relying on the sacrifice of Jesus instead of our own righteousness help us to stop pretending we are better than we are?

#### Growing in discipleship: Practical application

Spend some time in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus and for the gift of the Holy Spirit who enables us to live new lives as the children of God.



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.