

GROWTH TEAMS



Going deeper

This passage is part of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, the first major block of Jesus's teaching in Matthew's gospel. It contains a number of well known and memorable phrases of Jesus that are wonderful guidance.

Read Matthew 7:1-6

5. What reason does Jesus give not to judge? How does this compare with Romans 2?
6. In what way do verses 3-5 paint a humorous image?
7. What should we do first when we are tempted to judge someone else for something? Does this come easily?
8. In what sense does verse 6 require us to judge others? Can you think of any real life examples that illustrate the truth of this verse? (cf. Prov. 9:7,8; 23:9)
9. How can we ensure we use wise judgement in relating to others without being judgemental?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

**Week Beginning
Sunday 13th May 2018**

Growth Team News

Growth Teams continue looking at the book of Romans in line with our morning services.

As ever these sheets include space to take notes on the sermon, some questions to help you think through the passage or sermon more deeply as part of a group or by yourself and a back page that provides a Bible Study on a related passage. Do make use of the sheets in whichever way suits you!

**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



The Good News and Bad News about Judgement

Romans 2:1-16 (page 1129)

Space to take notes on the talk

- God _____ judge

- God judges _____

- God judges _____

- God's judgement _____

Starter question

- ❖ What are people most judgemental about these days?

Responding to the talk

1. From the talk what would you say is the 'good news' about God's judgement and what is the 'bad news'?

2. Read Romans 2:1-4
 - a. In what way are those who pass judgement on others 'without excuse'?
 - b. How is God's judgement different to human judgement?
 - c. Why is God slow to judge / forbearing? (cf. 2 Peter 3:9)
3. Read Romans 2:5-11
 - a. What kind of people will face God's judgement? (cf. 1:21,25)
 - b. What kind of people will find eternal life? How does this link with the need to repent and believe the good news? (cf. 1:16; 3:9,22-24)
 - c. What point is Paul trying to make by talking about Jews and Gentiles in verses 9 and 10? (cf. 1:16)
4. Read Romans 2:12-16
 - a. Jews were those who 'had the Law'. Did having the Law save them? Why not?
 - b. How does one's conscience act as an alternative to the Law?
 - c. Is our conscience as reliable as God's Law for discerning what is right and wrong? (cf. 7:7; 1 Tim. 4:2)

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. How would you respond to someone who claims that God should accept them, because they live a good life compared with most people?

11. How does the gospel change the way we treat 'wicked' people?