

Mirror, Mirror...

ROMANS 2:1-16

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Before you judge, be sure to **LOOK IN THE MIRROR!** (2:1-3)

self-righteousness = unrighteousness v.1-2 Isaiah 64:6; Luke 18:9-14

hypocrisy v. humility v. 3 Matthew 7:1-5; James 4:6-10; Proverbs 16:18

God's kindness is *your* cue to **REPENT** and seek him, (2:4-10)

contempt for kindness stores up wrath v. 4-5 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 9:22-24; Lamentations 3:22-23

keep turning toward Jesus v. 6-10 Acts 3:19-20; Hebrews 12:1-2

knowing one day he will judge **EVERYONE.** (2:11-16)

God shows no partiality v. 11ff Acts 10:34-45; Deuteronomy 10:17; Romans 3:23

your only hope Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Timothy 1:15; Titus 3:4-7



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

What's one thing you've learned about yourself recently—maybe a strength, a quirk, or something you'd like to improve—that reminds you we're all a work in progress?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. This weekend Pastor Josh said that self-righteousness is just another form of unrighteousness. Why are we so prone to it?

Read Isaiah 64:6 and Luke 18:9-14. How do these passages expose the danger of trusting in our own "goodness" instead of God's mercy?

3. Self-righteousness leads us to overestimate ourselves and underestimate God. How does **Jeremiah 9:23–24** reshape our understanding of true success and what is worth boasting in—both spiritually and in everyday life?
 - Of the three character traits of God listed in **verse 24**, which one do you identify with the most? Is there one you find more challenging to understand than the others? If so, explain.
 - If you remembered Jeremiah's words every day, can you think of any ways it may have an effect on you?

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 2:1-5 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ **Therefore** you have no **excuse**, O man, **every** one of you who **judges**. For in **passing judgment** on **another** you **condemn** yourself, **because** you, the **judge**, **practice** the **very same things**. ² We **know** that the **judgment** of God **rightly falls** on those who **practice such things**. ³ Do you **suppose**, O man—you who **judge** those who **practice such things** and yet do them yourself—that you will **escape** the **judgment** of God? ⁴ Or do you **presume** on the **riches** of his **kindness** and **forbearance** and **patience**, not **knowing** that God's **kindness** is **meant** to **lead** you to **repentance**? ⁵ But **because** of your **hard** and **impenitent heart** you are **storing** up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous **judgment** will be revealed.

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- Owning and being honest about our sinfulness actually gives us an opportunity to see and respond to the good news of what Jesus has done for us. As followers of Christ—especially in a Life Group—we're called to build an environment where honesty about our struggles is safe and welcomed. According to the following verses, what practical steps can help us create that kind of community?

Romans 12:10

Hebrews 3:13

1 Thessalonians 5:15

Ephesians 4:29, 32

- Which one of these verses do you want to focus on putting into action this week?

- The good news we heard this weekend was that God is kind, gracious and patient with us (**Romans 2:4**) in spite of all we've done! How do the following verses reinforce this great news?

Romans 2:4

Nehemiah 9:17

Psalms 117:2

Psalms 86:15

- Is there anyone you need to be patient with or show kindness to, as God has shown you?

Taking it Home

- Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

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