

## **God's Gospel Masterplan Romans 2:1-3:8**

When you look at a photo and you are in it, who do you naturally look at first? Why?

Paul is going to continue to labour a point to show a focused picture of ourselves, because we can't get how great the good news of the gospel is unless we realise how bad we are.

Read Romans 2:1- 3:8

1. When people are judgmental of others, how do they reveal both an understanding and a misunderstanding of God's judgment? v1-4
2. Explain why God's kindness might lead people to be either repentant or show contempt for God? v4
3. What truths about Judgement Day come out of v5-11?
4. What will God consider important & unimportant on the future day of judgement?

How are God's standards of judgment both similar & different for the two groups described in v12-16?

5. In v17-29 Paul focuses his attention on a hypocritical Jew. How does such a person view himself & others?

Jews placed great value on circumcision because it was the visible sign that they were God's people. How had some of them confused the sign with what it signified? v25-29

6. How might religious people today have a similar misunderstanding about baptism or some other ritual or practice?
7. In 3:1-8 in response to Jewish objections, what does Paul say about God's character? What central truth does he state in v5-8?

### **Implications**

8. Many non-Christians have high moral standards. How can we use their own standards to help them see their need of Christ?
9. Jewish hypocrisy caused God's name to be blasphemed among the gentiles (2:24), How has religious hypocrisy hurt the cause of Christ in our day?
10. Write down the names of some non-Christians you know who seem too content or moral to need the gospel. Pray that God will reveal to them why they need Jesus? And pray for an opportunity to share with them!

### **Give thanks and pray**

Pray that God will reveal any area of hypocrisy in your life and ask that God would help you love what He commands and desire what He promises, and have hearts fixed where true joys are found. Pray for the Toolbox Dinner/ Ladies Chat, Choc & Chino Night