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ROMANS

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Why Do We Need the Gospel? (Part 1): Romans 1:18-2:29

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Romans 1:18-2:29 as a group*

1. Icebreaker: Think of something in your life that you need. What is it and why do you need it? How does your need for this thing impact the value you place on it?
2. From what you read in Romans 1:18-2:29, how does this passage answer the question, “Why do we need the gospel?”
3. Why is it important to see what the Bible has to say about the reality and impact of sin?
4. Read Romans 1:18. Why is God’s wrath against sin justified?
5. Construct a definition of sin from Romans 1:18-23. Is there anything in this definition that is new to you, or that you have been neglecting?
6. In 1:24-32 Paul lists consequences for rejecting God — a spiral downward in society, relationships, and individuals. What stands out to you about this passage? How does it drive home our need for the gospel?
7. Scan Romans chapter 2. How does Paul address people who are outwardly religious, with no inner heart transformation?
8. This passage begins by mentioning “darkened hearts” (1:21) and it ends with a warning about “uncircumcised hearts” (2:28-29). Why is our heart so important?
9. How does the gospel change our hearts? (Hint: See Ezekiel 36:25-27; Galatians 5:22-23.)
10. This sermon focused on our need for the gospel because of our sin. How does seeing the reality of sin help the value of the gospel shine more brightly?
11. What can you do this week to apply something you read from this passage or heard in the sermon?
12. What other questions or comments do you have about what you looked at in the Bible today?
13. **Challenge – Memorize Romans 1:21:** 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.