

Why do people think they don't deserve to face God's judgement? What would your non church going friends say?

CONTEXT – Where does it fit?

- 1. Have a brief look at Romans 1:18-25. Who is this speaking about?
- 2. Some who think they're better than others (especially highly religious people) might think they're excluded from those being addressed in chapter 1. Who do you think Paul is addressing in chapter 2?

OBSERVATION – How is it communicated?

3. Read Romans 2:1-29. What title would you give for the following sections – vv.1-5, 6-16, 17-29.

MEANING – What does it mean?

- 4. What is the verdict on people who think they're better than others?
- 5. List everything we're told about God's judgement in vv 6-16. Is there anything you don't understand or feel isn't fair about God's judgement?
- 6. In vv 17-29 Paul clearly shows that the law will not save the Jews. What is a true Jew according to God? How do the Jews fall short?

APPLICATION – How does it change us?

- 7. Verse 16 tells us that God will judge our secrets through Jesus Christ, as the gospel declares. How is this both a comfort and a challenge?
- 8. What you say to someone you says:
 - "I'll be OK, I've never murdered anyone"
 - "I've been baptized and go to church so God and I are OK"
- 9. If God is perfectly just and will judge everyone with a right and perfect judgement, how does that...
 - affect the way I deal with sin in my life?
 - relate to Jesus each day?
 - change the way I relate to my friends and family who don't know Jesus?