

GROWTH GUIDE

The Damage of Religious Hypocrisy // ROMANS 2:17-3:8 // April 11-17, 2021

What is a Growth Guide? Simply, a tool. This is a tool to help you grow with God. Use this guide to take some notes from the Sunday message and to personally study the scriptures for the week. Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Growth Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps in your life. You can use this study guide with your Growth Group, your family, or on your own.

What are Growth Groups? Growth Groups are sermon-based small groups that meet primarily in homes. They use this guide as a tool to help facilitate discussion and learning around God's Word. To join a group, visit mycpointe.com/groups

MESSAGE OUTLINE

4 Groups of People Facing God's Wrath

1. Depraved Gentile Society (1:18-32)
2. Moralist (2:1-16)
3. Self-Confident Jewish Person (2:17-3:8)
4. Entire Human Race (3:9-20)

The Damage of Religious Hypocrisy

1. Discredits God's Name

2. Disregards God's Applause

3. Degrades God's Character

PRAY

- Ask God to clear your mind and help you focus. Ask God to speak to you as you work through this guide by yourself and with your Growth Group.

OPEN

1. What is your main take away from this week's message? How did God speak to you?
2. How have you seen God's goodness over the last week? Share good news with your group.

READ, HEAR, & LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Read Romans 2:17-24

1. What is the main challenge being made in verses 17-24? And to whom?
 - How are you challenged by these verses?
2. According to verse 20, what does the law embody? Why is it important that the law embody these two things?
3. What do you learn about the law in the following verses?
 - Matthew 5:17-18
 - Galatians 3:23-25
 - James 2:10

Read Romans 2:25-29

4. Read about the covenant of circumcision in Genesis 17:9-14. Write a summary of this covenant between God and Abraham.
5. According to Romans 2:25-29, what causes circumcision to have value?
6. Can you honestly say that you have received a "circumcision" of the heart by the Holy Spirit? Explain your answer.

Read Romans 3:1-8

7. From verses 1 & 2, what value does Paul place on being a Jew? In other words, prior to Paul writing Romans, what advantage did the Jews have?

8. Today, do you have the same “advantage” that was given to Old Testament Jews? Use Galatians 3:28-29 to help with your answer.

9. How are you taking “advantage” of the availability of God's written word, the Bible?

10. Using verses 3-8, what is wrong with the logic “if my badness brings out God's goodness, then why am I still condemned as a sinner?”

PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

As we study these truths over the coming weeks, think of some family members or friends who do not know God and commit to praying for their salvation.

- Spend a few minutes asking God who He wants to be on your list.
- Write their names down on paper and place it in your Bible as a bookmark for Romans.
- Start praying!