

Sunday, September 25, 2022 - "Romans - Week 2 - Mirrors: Romans 2:1-16" - Kevin Dupree

Key Passages: Romans 2:1-16, Romans 2:23-24

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Romans 2:1-16 - "Mirrors"
- A few FYIs
 - Jews = God's chosen people (born into a family of believers)
 - Gentiles = Greeks or people who don't worship God as their God (non-believers)
 - True Jews = People who obey God's word whether Jew or Gentile (do the DO)
 - The LAW = first 5 books of the Bible, commandments
 - For us the law is the Holy Spirit
 - Written on your hearts
- Romans is not just for "them out there"
- What is your mirror? (thing you allow to give a reflection of you, determine how you see yourself)
- Magical mirror
 - Turn inward = flaws are minimized in us
 - Turn outward = flaws our maximized in others
- Miracle mirror = the Word of God
 - "The Bible is a mirror not a window" - Paul Scanlon
 - Shows us right where and how we are
 - If you let it work, it will work and transform us
- God's word nullifies/eliminates neutrality
 - Exposes if we are good and evil
 - We can accept it or suppress it
 - We can be for the kingdom or against it
 - A lack of choice is a choice
- Romans 2:15
 - We can't stay neutral because God gave us a conscience
 - We all have something to know right and wrong
- Secret places
 - Places we think nobody knows or sees
 - But we can't hide away from God
- Warning to christ followers
 - We could be the reason that people blaspheme God's name
 - Romans 2:23-24
 - It's not just our reputation on the line, it's the reputation of Jesus
- God's kindness towards us
 - It's why He keeps coming after us
 - So we can turn to Him
 - As long as we have breath it is His kindness
 - His kindness is meant for us to reflect Jesus
- What will Jesus have to say when He judges the person in your mirror?

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What are some of your mirrors? The things you allow to reflect who you really are?
2. What does the quote "The Bible is a mirror not a window" mean to you?
3. How has the Word of God transformed you?
4. How have you experienced the kindness of the Lord?
5. When was a time you knew that you were reflecting Jesus well?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan****

Mon: Romans 11 Tues: Romans 12 Wed: Romans 13 Thurs: Romans 14 Fri: Romans 15

Songs from the weekend: [Jesus the Same - *Israel Houghton*] - [Rest On Us - *Upperroom*] - [Promises - *Maverick City*] - [Worthy of It All - *Bethel Music*]