

Theme: "Above all else..."

Essential Question: How can ensure our lives mirror Christ and are not examples of righteous hypocrisy?

Follow-up from last week: For the person God put on your heart to help work toward salvation, how did you take some steps to make this happen? What steps did you take to make sure that people identify you with Christ?

Follow-up from Sunday's Message: What "stirred" you in Sunday's message? What spoke to your situation?

Read Romans 2:1-11

1. When you were young, which of your parents was more strict? More merciful? Most Consistent?
2. What is Paul referring to in verse 1 by using the word, "therefore"?
3. How is it that we have no excuse?
4. In what area of your life do you find yourself passing judgement on others? Where, because of your own accomplishments or opinions, do you pass judgement on others?
5. Read Matthew 7:1-5 and John 8:1-11. How do these passages relate to what Paul is writing about in Romans 2?
6. Verse 5-6: What does it mean that we are storing up wrath for the day of judgement? What do you think that is going to look like? Aren't we forgiven of our sins when we ask Christ into our hearts?
7. What is the reward of God's judgement?
8. How does God's wrath help us to understand God's grace in our lives?
9. Why does Paul make a distinction between the Jews and Gentiles and then finishes with verse 11: "For God does not show favoritism"? What is Paul trying to communicate to the Romans?
10. Who do you think had the most trouble with this passage, the Jews or the Gentiles? Why?

Read Romans 2:12-16

1. What is Paul communicating in verse 12?
2. What is the significance over verse 13? Read Matthew 7:24-27 and James 1:22-25.
3. What part of the Word do you struggle with practicing? (try to limit this to just one area)

Read Proverbs 4:20-27

1. Who are the **people** who help guard your heart? Where are the **places** that help guard your heart? What are the **activities** that help guard your heart?

Application: Where do you find yourself judging others? What is the plank that needs to be removed from your own eye?

Worship: Read Psalm 51

Prayer Requests. Remember the Church-wide prayer requests

Read ahead: This week, begin to read Romans 2:17-29. Take time to read through the notes in your Bible and write down some thoughts or questions that you have prior to the message on Sunday.

Pray...

*For God to stir
the hearts of this
Church for Him.*

*For our pastors to
be stirred by God*