

## **PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

For the week of May 27-June 2

Romans 2:17-29 – Who Praises You?

**Synopsis:** The Jews have been given the profound advantages of circumcision, knowledge of God, and the law! Rather than properly using those advantages, however, they reveal by their own disobedience that they have not been changed within, where they should have been.

### **Into the Bible**

1. What religious advantages did the Jews have?
2. What prerogatives or responsibilities did the Jews have in light of the advantages given to them?
3. Who was the target of the accusations Paul made in verses 21-24? All Jews? Most? Some?
4. If circumcision + disobedience = uncircumcision, and uncircumcision + obedience = circumcision, what was the point of circumcision? How had the Jews misconstrued its meaning?

5. Describe the difference between a merely outward Jew (v. 28) and someone who is one inwardly (v. 29).
6. In what way does the man in v. 29 receive praise not from man but from God?
7. What point is Paul making in our passage?

### **Application**

8. What are some spiritual advantages we have in the US? What are some ways the American church misuses them?
9. List the spiritual advantages you have. In what ways have you misused those?