

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of May 20-26

Romans 2:12-16 - "Fair Judgment"

Synopsis: The righteous standard of God's judgment is the written law. For those who don't have that law, the standard is God's unwritten law known in the heart of everyone. God demands obedience and will judge accordingly. Everyone, believer and unbeliever alike, will have his works judged.

Into the Bible

1. Why is it important to have a clear understanding of God's judgment?
2. Verse 11 told us that "God shows no partiality." What evidence does our paragraph give to prove that point?
3. What does Paul mean in verse 14 that Gentiles may by nature do what the law requires despite not having the law?
4. In what way is "the work of the law written on [Gentiles'] hearts" (v. 15)?

5. The sermon discussed believers' judgment according to works. Describe that judgment and its purpose. (See also Matt. 13:30, 40-43; 25:14-23, 34-40, 46)

6. How do you understand that teaching to fit with justification by faith?

Application

7. What are some of the differences between "hearers" of the law and "doers" of the law? What are some areas in which you might be more of a "hearer" than a "doer"?
8. How does knowing that you will be judged according to your works affect how you think about the Christian life?