

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of May 6-12

Romans 2:1-5 - "The Guilty Judge"

Synopsis: In Romans 2, Paul shifts from his indictment of (typically) Gentile gross sin and turns to the often subtler, self-righteous sins of unrepentant Jews. Both groups are guilty before God, deserving of wrath, and in need of life-saving redemption.

Into the Bible

1. Romans 2:1 marks a significant transition from 1:18-32. To and from what (or whom) is Paul transitioning?
2. In what sense do you think those Paul is addressing in 2:1-5 "practice the very same thing" as those in chapter 1?
3. Describe "the riches of [God's] kindness and forbearance and patience" in v. 4.

4. In what ways is the judge's heart "hard and impenitent" (v. 5)?

Application

5. Of the two groups (those in blatant sin in 1:18-32 vs. those whose sin is more subtle in 2:1ff), with which do you identify more, either in your past or present? Why?
6. How have you experienced "the riches of [God's] kindness and forbearance and patience" in your own life during periods of sin and rebellion?
7. How should we think about "judging" others? How does the Bible help us think about that question?