

Week 8 - Romans Series

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Romans 2:25-29

Discussion:

1. How is the intent of the law and of circumcision being twisted?
2. Did circumcision have value by itself alone – 2:25? What else was needed? Explain.
3. From Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6 and Jeremiah 4:4;9:25-26, what does Paul mean by “circumcision of the heart” (vs. 29)?
4. What is the real mark of the covenant community?
5. What religious rituals and symbols are twisted today like this?
6. Paraphrase what Paul is saying in verses 25-29, using the Christian symbol of baptism.
7. How does circumcision help us understand the gospel?
8. Just like some Jews found purpose and meaning in their ability to follow God’s law, where are you tempted to find purpose, affirmation, or belonging in something other than God?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.