

FREE: A NEW HEART

"Under God's Magnifying Glass" - Corresponding to message on May 8, 2016

Getting Started:

1. Why is difficult truth hard to deliver? Why is it hard to receive?
2. How do you feel when you see or hear the words, "you are guilty?" Why?
3. Why is it hard for people to admit their guilt? Have you personally experienced this in your own life?

Digging Deeper:

1. Briefly state the three descriptions of God's judgment in Romans 2:1 – 16. How do they clarify for you Paul's opening statement in Romans 2:1, that we are "without excuse?" (Refer to Romans 1:29 – 32).
2. Why do we need to be careful about passing judgment on someone else?
3. How does Jesus' words in Matthew 7:1 – 5 help us judge with the right motive?
4. How can our own privileged position as followers of Jesus and possessors of the truth create a sense of superiority?
5. Replace Jew with "follower of Jesus" in 2:17 – 20. Now list how we are to act as followers of Jesus based on our responsibility.

6. Do we behave sometimes as though God's truth doesn't apply to us? If so how?
 - a. Do we sometimes portray to others that we have somehow risen above our own need for God's Grace? If so, how?

7. Why is it important to be saved by Grace and to live by Grace?

Taking it home:

1. How does the proper attitude about our sin and depravity keep us from the error Paul describes in Romans 3:8?
 - a. How does it encourage us to serve with the right motive?

2. Based on what we have learned from this passage, what are some practical ways we can avoid the sin of hypocrisy?

3. What is your response to Romans 2:4? Why?