



COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTION ONLY

Romans | Season 2, Ep. 3 | 2:12-16

Monday, May 4 - Sunday, May 10 (Week 14)

This week, Pastor Mike preached from Romans 2:12-16 about God's judgment. Paul explains that God judges all people fairly, but not by the same standard. Those who have the Bible will be judged by the Bible. Those who've never heard God's law will be judged by the moral law God has written on their hearts and by their own conscience.

Pastor Mike made three main points about God's judgment:

First, God's judgment is absolutely fair. He won't judge people for what they don't know, but He will judge them for what they do know but failed to do. Everyone has some standard they live by, and everyone falls short of even their own standards.

Second, God's judgment is inscrutably wise. God has designed every human being with a conscience and a sense of right and wrong. This means all people everywhere are accountable to Him, whether they've heard the Bible or not.

Third, and most sobering, God's judgment is absolutely thorough. Romans 2:16 says that God will judge "the secrets of men." Every hidden sin, every secret we've kept, every idol we've held onto will be exposed on judgment day. Nothing will remain hidden from Jesus.

But Pastor Mike didn't just warn us, he invited us to experience freedom. He said many of us are spiritually "stuck" because we're using all our energy holding down secret sins like a beach ball underwater, or clutching idols behind our backs. We can't lift our hands in worship or open our hands in prayer because we're too busy hiding things from God.

The good news of the gospel is that we don't have to wait until judgment day to face our secrets. We can bring them into the light today. Jesus already knows what we're hiding, and He still died for us. His blood covers even our darkest shame.

Pastor Mike ended with this image: if we would let go of what we're hiding and surrender it to Jesus, we could experience true intimacy with Him, like a child embracing their father with nothing between them. A clear conscience is what opens the floodgates of Jesus's presence in our lives.

The invitation is simple but not easy: Come clean today. Let the Spirit convict you. Bring your secrets into the light. And experience the freedom and joy that only Jesus can give.





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QUESTION #1 - Pastor Mike said, "You won't be saved by what you know. You won't be judged by what you don't know. But you will be judged by what you do know but failed to do." What's one area where you know what God wants you to do but you're struggling to obey?

QUESTION #2 - Pastor Mike used the illustration of holding a beach ball underwater or holding something behind your back, using all your energy to hide something instead of being free to worship. When have you experienced that feeling of being spiritually "stuck" or drained?

QUESTION #3 - In the sermon it was said that God will judge "the secrets of men" and that nothing will remain hidden. How does this truth make you feel right now?

QUESTION #4 - The sermon said: "A clear conscience is the only thing that opens the floodgates of the presence of Jesus in your life." How would you honestly describe your conscience right now?

QUESTION #5 - The closing image was about embracing Jesus with nothing in your hands, full intimacy with Him, with no secrets or idols between you. What would need to change in your life for you to experience that kind of closeness with Jesus?



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