



THE HEART OF HYPOCRISY • ROMANS 2:17-24

In Romans 2: 17-24, Paul speaks to a Jewish audience and notes that they are a people to whom much has been given, and therefore of whom much is required. But ultimately, his warning to them is that they are a people with hypocritical hearts. Like Paul's original audience, we as Christians have also been given much, but we ourselves can fall into this same trap of hypocrisy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read verses 17-18. What are the six characteristics of Paul's Jewish audience? How are these characteristics similar to those of Christians today?**
- 2. In his sermon, Matt encouraged the congregation to make a similar list of all that we've been given through our relationship with God. Spend time as a group making this list and discussing it.**
- 3. Now look at verses 19-20. What are the four expectations that Paul lists of his audience? How are these similar to requirements of the Christian life today?**
- 4. What are some of the hypocrisies that Paul lists in verses 21-24? How do these compare with some of the hypocrisies in your own life?**
- 5. *Shaping Question: Does your life adorn the gospel of God or obscure it?***