

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Romans 2:1-32

1. Before you can come up with a solution, you need to be clear on the problem. What is the fundamental human problem in Romans 1:18-32?
2. Paul's critique of the world in 1:18-32 seems to have the non Jewish world largely in mind. Imagine reading this as a Jewish person in the first century? Do you think you would feel a little smug? Why / Why not?
3. If the non-Jewish (Gentile) world has turned away from God and is under judgment (1:18-32); what do we learn about the Jewish world in 2:1-5?
 - a. What is their hypocrisy (v1; 2:17-24)?
 - b. Why is God patient and forbearing with their sin (v4)?
 - c. How does God describe their hearts (v5)? What is the effect of this?
4. Consider your own heart (2 Corinthians 13:5). Would you describe it in terms of 2:5 or in terms of 8:14? What can you do about this?
5. What is the basis, or the standard by which God judges people in 2:6? Why is God's judgment therefore a 'righteous judgment' (v5)?
6. Twice Paul writes 'first for the Jew and then for the Gentile' (v9-10) before his concluding summary, 'God does not show Favouritism'. Why does Paul underline this point? Who might presume upon God's favour?
7. What are the two possibilities following this judgment?

V 7 & v10	V8-9
Lifestyle:	Lifestyle:
Outcome:	Outcome:

8. Outside of Christ, who do you think meets the standard outlined in v7 and v10? What has the power of sin done to our ability to meet God's promise? (Rom 3:9 and 3:20).
9. So whilst doing the law can bring justification – God's promise never becomes a reality. What does this reveal about the power of sin?
10. Read Romans 2:12-13. How can God be fair in judging Gentiles (who didn't have the Scriptures) in the same way that he judges the Jews who had the blessings of the Old Testament revelation? What is the principle of judgment that operates here?
11. God will judge us according to what we do with what we know. Yet what is the verdict on those who are judged apart from law? (See also 3:9 and 3:20). What do they need?
12. 'Judgment is an essential part of proclaiming the gospel'. Do you agree? Why / Why not?