

# Romans 1:18-3:8

## It All Points To God!

### Part B

Life Group Study Guide  
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#### Memory Verse:

*“Or do you show contempt for his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness leads you toward repentance?”*

Romans 2:4

#### Connect:

- Make sure everyone in your group knows everyone else. If you have new members take a few minutes getting to know them and learning how they came to be connected to your group.
- Remember the empty chair as you open your group time in prayer.

#### Grow:

- Who is your number one adviser in life and why? (the person to whom you go to for input and/or affirmation?)
- Who is a person in your life who incorrectly judged you and/or your character? How did that impact you?
- We are always ‘sizing up’ the people around us. While evaluation or judgment of character is a good and even necessary thing to do (Matthew 7:15-20) judging in the sense of condemnation is not good or necessary- but it’s hard to resist. Why do people judge each other? What need does it appeal to within them?
- Is there a time when you hurt someone else by judging them? (*Accidentally of course 😊!*) Would you be willing to share that time with the group?
- What happens to your heart when someone judges you?
- What happens to your heart when someone shows you kindness? Has this ever happened in your life? Would you mind sharing a time in your life that your heart was changed because someone showed you kindness instead of judgement?
- Read Romans 2:1-4
- How does God’s kindness lead to repentance? (verse 4) (*don’t rush past this question! Spend a few minutes discussing why God’s kindness leads to repentance.*)

- What would you say is the best way to help each other stop judging people?
  - Will we give each other permission to point out a judgmental spirit in ourselves?
  - Will we honor that permission?

**Serve:**

- How can a judgmental spirit affect our attempts to serve others? (*they don't deserve my help because they \_\_\_\_\_*) Why would this judgmental spirit affect our attempts to serve?
- (*Don't forget to discuss and decide upon your group project if you have not already done so.*)

**Share:**

- Think of the person God has placed upon your heart to fill the empty chair. Are there any ways in which you have already judged them? (*i.e. they don't live like I do, they \_\_\_\_\_*) How can your judgment upon them affect their opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ?

**Worship:**

- Have the prayer coordinator gather requests from the group as well as remind everyone of any previous requests.
- Share in a chain prayer together giving each person who would like to pray the opportunity to lift up requests and concerns the group has discussed. Draw together in the presence of God recognizing he is perfect and we are a corrupt judgmental people who are nothing without his power, love, patience, and guidance.

**Preparation for Next Time:**

- Read Romans 3:9-20