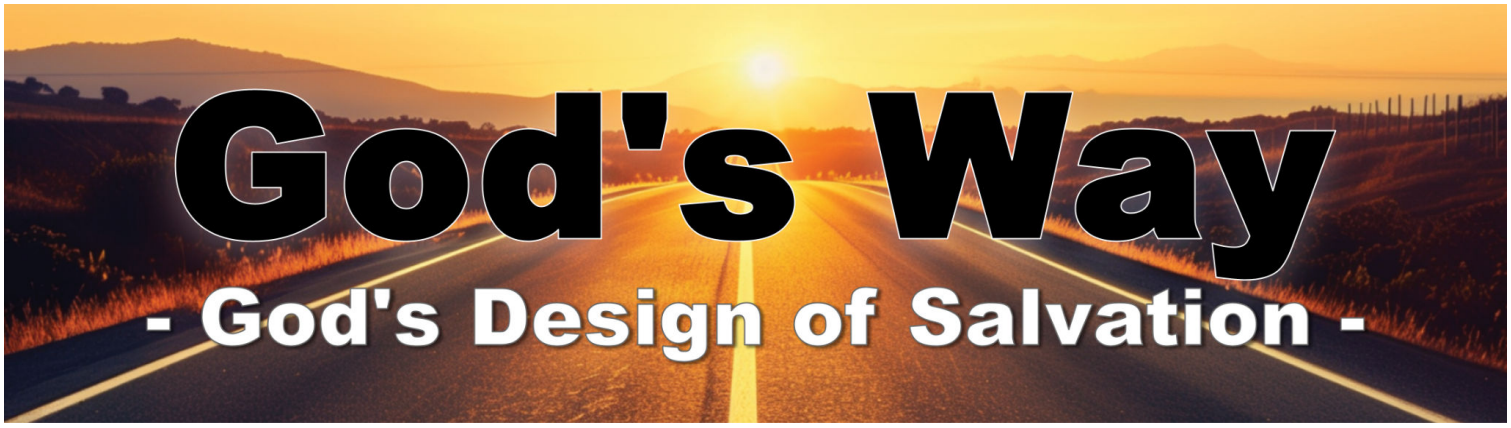


Week of June 14, 2026 - Do You Judge Others? Small Group Lesson 5

Connect

Tell the group about a time you completely misjudged a person, a food, or a situation, only to realize you were totally wrong once you experienced it or had all the facts.

Verses - Romans 2:1-16 (CSB)

Read aloud:

1 Therefore, every one of you who judges is without excuse. For when you judge another, you condemn yourself, since you, the judge, do the same things. 2 Now we know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. 3 Do you think—anyone of you who judges those who do such things yet do the same—that you will escape God's judgment? 4 Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? 5 Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is revealed. 6 He will repay each one according to his works: 7 eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but wrath and anger to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness. 9 There will be affliction and distress for every human being who does evil, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no favoritism with God. 12 For all who sin without the law will also perish without the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For the hearers of the law are not righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified. 14 So, when Gentiles, who do not by nature have the law, do what the law demands, they are a law to themselves even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts. Their consciences confirm this. Their competing thoughts either accuse or even excuse them 16 on the day when God judges what people have kept secret, according to my gospel through Christ Jesus.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. According to vv.1-3, why are we "without excuse" when we judge someone else? What does judging others actually do to ourselves?

2. In vv.4-5, what is the true purpose of God's *kindness, restraint, and patience*? How do we often misinterpret God's silence when we're busy judging others?

3. What are the characteristics and destinies of those who "persist in doing good" versus those who are "self-seeking"? (vv.6-8)

4. According to vv.14-16, how will God judge those who did not have the written law? What role does the human conscience play in God's fair judgment?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Takeshi shared an illustration about students cheating on an exam, yet getting incredibly angry at the one student who got a perfect score and didn't intentionally make mistakes. How does this story illustrate our hypocrisy when we judge others' sins? Can you share a time you were quick to judge someone for a flaw that you also struggle with?

Discuss 2:
While we are called to restore brothers and sisters in Christ, we must do so without a judgmental spirit. What does it look like practically to approach someone with "genuine humility and love" rather than criticism?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.