

## Getting Started

1. Could you fire a person if necessary? Why or why not?
2. How often do you find yourself judging others and/or critical of their decisions?
3. What characteristics make a person good or bad?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 8:

**Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?**

A. Yes,<sup>1</sup> unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; Isa. 53:6 <sup>2</sup> John 3:3-5

Why are we corrupt and inclined toward all evil?

6. Read Matthew 6:3-18. How does this relate to Romans 2:12-16?
7. Read Luke 15:11-22. Why do Christians feel the need to judge others or think others are unforgiveable? How does God view each person?
8. Jeremiah 31:31-34 speaks of a new covenant with God. Is that what Paul is writing about in Romans 2:15?

## Application

9. We will often judge others based on their words and actions, but by doing so we are judging ourselves because we are all sinners. This week when you find yourself judging another person ask God for forgiveness and pray a prayer of blessing for that person.

## Praying Scripture

### Psalm 63

- 1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.
- 9 But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;  
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God;  
all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

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### The Gospel: Class is in Session

#### “The Only Judge”

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.

Romans 2:1, 2

- We are \_\_\_\_\_ by God based on our own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Those who \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, those who \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.
- We all \_\_\_\_\_ and will be \_\_\_\_\_ by God for those \_\_\_\_\_.

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