

THE KINDNESS EFFECT.

MEETING AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER – Ask one person to Open the meeting in prayer.
2. DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS – Ask everyone the Development Questions.
3. ATTENDANCE – Take attendance through the SG Attendance System.
4. TODAY'S LESSON – Go over this week's SG lesson.
5. CLOSING PRAYER – Ask for prayer requests and pray.

Development Questions

Question #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?

Question #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?

Question #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

This Week's Passage:

Romans 2:1-16 (NIV)

1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. 2 Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. 3 So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? **4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?** 5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God "will repay each person according to what they have done." 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. 9 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; 10 but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism. 12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. 14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) 16 This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

Connection Question:

Why is it easier to judge others for their sins than to recognize and confront our own?

TRUTH #1:

God's Judgment Is Perfect, Impartial, and Based on Truth

Discussion Points:

1. God's judgment is based on truth, not appearances or self-perception. (Romans 2:2)
2. Unrepentant hearts store up judgment, not excuses. (Romans 2:5)
3. God will judge each person according to what they have done. (Romans 2:6)

Growth Question:

How does knowing that God judges with truth change your view of yourself and others?

TRUTH #2:

God Honors Those Who Persist in Doing Good and Judges Those Who Follow Evil

Discussion Points:

1. God gives eternal life to those who pursue righteousness through faith. (John 6:29)
2. Self-seeking people who reject truth and follow evil bring wrath upon themselves. (Romans 2:8)
3. God rewards righteousness and judges evil impartially. (Romans 2:11)
4. God's standard applies to all people. (Acts 10:34–35)

Growth Question:

How can a person tell whether they are “seeking God’s glory” or “self-seeking”?

TRUTH #3:

God Judges Both Outward Behavior and the Secret Intentions of the Heart

Discussion Points:

1. It isn't hearing but obeying the law that reveals righteousness. (Romans 2:13)
2. Gentiles demonstrate God's law through their conscience. (Romans 2:14–15)
3. God judges secret thoughts and motives. (Romans 2:16)
4. Jesus Christ will bring what is hidden to light. (1 Corinthians 4:5)

Growth Question:

How does knowing God sees your heart change your pursuit of holiness?

GO THEREFORE QUESTION:

If God weighs both our actions and motives, what area of your life is He calling you to deeper repentance or obedience?

PRAYER:

Question #1

Who are you praying for to be saved?

Question #2

Who can you invite to Church and/or to Small Group?

Question #3

What are your prayer requests?

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!