

Activity #3: Print this out for older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 2:1-16

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Connects Romans 2 to modern hypocrisy and comparison culture & helps students understand repentance deeply.

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – Judging Others While Ignoring Ourselves : The Problem with Hypocrisy

Discuss:

- Why is it easy to notice sin in other people but ignore our own?
- Why does God care about hypocrisy?
- What happens when someone acts righteous outwardly but ignores their own sin?

Romans 2:1 "You who judge practice the very same things."

Have students discuss:

- Pride
- Self-righteousness
- Blaming others
- Honest self-examination

Part B – Ashamed or Bold?

Have them discuss God's Kindness and Repentance; Right vs. Wrong Response:

Example:

Romans 2:4-5 "God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance..."

Discuss:

- What is repentance?
- Why is God patient with sinners?
- What happens when people continually reject God?

Wrong Response	Godly Response
Excusing sin	Repenting of sin
Judging others	Examining yourself
Ignoring conviction	Turning back to God
Hardening your heart	Trusting God's mercy

Part C – God Judges Fairly

Ask: "What standard does God use to judge people?"

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Romans 2:6 "He will render to each one according to his works."
- 1 Samuel 16:7 "Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."
- Hebrews 4:13 "No creature is hidden from His sight..."

Discuss:

- God sees motives and actions
- Nobody can fool God
- God's judgment is perfect and fair

Group Discussion Questions:

- Can being "better than someone else" make a person righteous?
- Why is humility important before God?
- How should Christians respond when convicted of sin?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

Ask students to write or answer out loud: "Is there an area in my life where I judge others while ignoring my own sin?"

OR

What is one thing I need to repent of honestly before God?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to show you the sin in your life. Ask Him to help you be sensitive to the sin in your life.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: God does not want outward religion without a changed heart; He desires humility, repentance, and genuine faith.