

ROMANS 2:12-16

PRAY: Thanking God for His Word and the free access you have been given to the Truth.

REST: Make a list of anything distracting you right now, and set it aside for this time.

READ: Through the section once. Read through the chapter as a whole to remember the context and then read through these verses again, examining how they relate to what Paul has said so far.

Consider & Respond to these questions:

What can we see more clearly of Jesus through these verses?

How is a disciple described here (directly or through implication)?

What, practically, is an obedient response on your part?

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QUESTIONS FROM SUNDAY

Reflecting on this Sunday's teaching, respond to these questions:

How have you embraced the Great Commission to go and make disciples? Please explain. If not, what is keeping you from embracing it and how can that be removed?

Who are people within your direct sphere of influence for whom you will begin praying and to whom you will work to give the gospel? Write out your plan to reach them with the gospel over the next year.

Which unreached people group are you going to pray for over the next year? (Info can be found at www.joshuahproject.net) How will you personally impact international missions through your time, talents, and treasure over the next year?

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

God's Law—His Word, His Will, His way of doing things—is not imposed on us from the outside as an afterthought to fix us, it is part of how He made us and made the world we live in; it is built into His creation and has always been perfect. This is why even those who don't know God or His Word can “obey” Him in their actions. There is something inside us that was made to live in God's ways, even for those who do not know Him, and this, in a manner of speaking, confirms the truth of His ways—He made us to yearn for Him. We who have heard God's Word, who have read God's law, have an even greater responsibility to live in obedience to Him. Not only do we have, in our hearts, something telling us that the way things are isn't right, we have been given an example of what is right in Jesus, and we have been given the Holy Spirit and God's Word to empower, instruct, and guide us as we walk in the Truth. How much more will we be held responsible for our response!

Law in Hearts: Exodus 13:8-9; Deuteronomy 30:11-17; Psalm 1:1-2, 37:30-31, 40:8, 119:9-11; Proverbs 3:1-6, 4:20-23, 7:1-3; Jeremiah 31:31-34, 32:38-41

Obedience/Doers: Deuteronomy 5:29, 28:1-2; 2 Chronicles 34:30-33; Psalm 128:1-4; Proverbs 8:32-36; Ezekiel 18:21-24; Matthew 12:46-50; John 13:15-17; 1 John 2:17

Careless Hearing: Isaiah 42:18-24; Jeremiah 25:3-9; Ezekiel 33:30-33; Matthew 7:24-27, 13:18-23; Luke 16:29-31; 2 Timothy 4:3-5; Hebrews 3:13-4:2; James 1:22-25

As you read, some questions to think about and respond to are:

Many of these verses connect hearing and obedience. Why do you think that is? How can this inform and change your walk as a disciple?

What does it mean to have the law in your heart? How does this relate to who you understand the Holy Spirit to be?

Are you a careful hearer? What is the evidence for or against that in your life? What does a careful hearer look like?

To MEMORIZE: ROMANS 2:13
