

SMALL GROUP LESSON

RELIGIOSITY VERSUS REALITY!

ROMANS 2:17-29 AND 1 SAMUEL 16:6-12

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1. It's been a while since we were in the book of Romans. So let's get started by reviewing the major points of what we have learned thus far in our study of the book of Romans.
 - A. How are people made right with God? Read Romans 1:16-17.
 - B. How has God chosen to reveal Himself to everyone without exception? Read Romans 1:20.
 - C. Instead of honoring and worshipping God, what has mankind chosen to do? Read Romans 1:25
 - D. Because they turned their backs on God, what has happened to humanity? Read Romans 1:28.
 - E. How is God going to respond to mankind's willful disobedience? Read Romans 2:5.
 - F. Will both Jews and Gentiles be held accountable for their rejection of God and His laws? If so how and why? Read Romans 2:12-16.
2. In the pastor's sermon, he speaks about religiosity. How would you define this term?
3. In Romans 2:17-28 and in the pastor's sermon, three ways are listed in which people can substitute religiosity for a real relationship with God. Match the words of the left with the statements on the right.

_____ Membership

A. These people like to be seen wearing a large cross as jewelry or carrying a big Bible when they are around other Christians.

_____ Lifestyle

B. These people consider themselves to be Christians because their names are on the church's roll book even though they seldom attend.

_____ Badge

C. These people like to speak and act as if they are devout Christians even though they don't always live up to what they say and do.

4. What does God desire of His people? Read Romans 2:28-29 and 1 Samuel 16:6-12. Then ask yourself this question. How am I measuring up to His expectations?