

Sermon Discussion Guide

"Presuming on God's Kindness"
Romans 2:1-5

1.) Self-righteousness causes us to judge others. It is amazing how bad our sin looks when someone else is doing it. All of us can be tempted to or guilty of judging others. We tend to compare ourselves to others to make ourselves look and feel like good people. We judge others for their sins while being unaware of our own. Additionally, we tend to think that we are better than others and we take pride in "doing the right things" while others are "doing the wrong things". Self-righteous judgment is harmful for our own souls and it is hurtful to others.

- Why is it so easy for us to judge others?
- Do you struggle with judging others? What does this look like in your life?
- Have you ever felt judged by other Christians? What made you feel this way?

2.) Self-righteousness causes us to presume on God's kindness. We take God's kindness for granted. Self-righteousness makes us think that we are good people and that God is kind to us because of who we are and what we have done for Him. However, God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. God is kind to you and he restrains his wrath for you because he desires that you would turn from your sin and turn back to him.

- What does God's kindness mean to you?
- What typically keeps you from confessing and repenting of your sins?
 - Are you unaware of your sin? Is it pride? Are you scared of being judged by others? Are you ashamed? Do you enjoy your sin too much to turn from it?
- Are there any sins in your life of which you need to confess and repent?

When we are aware of our sin and aware of God's kindness to us even though we have sinned, we are motivated to repent of our sins. When we repent of our sins, we experience life and joy in Christ. Repentance softs our hearts towards God.

Additional Verses

Luke 18:9-14, 2 Peter 3:9, Isaiah 55:6-7, Acts 3:19-20, Isaiah 57:15