

Sermon Discussion Guide

"Don't Just Talk About It, Be About It"
Romans 2:17-29

1.) Moralism is believing that you are right with God because of your good works. Moralism is trusting in your own doings in order to earn God's favor, love, forgiveness, and righteousness. Essentially, you are trusting in yourself rather than trusting in the gift of Jesus Christ. This is dangerous. This is not the gospel.

- In what ways do you try to earn God's favor, love, forgiveness, and righteousness through your own actions?
- What does it look like for you to receive and experience the gift of God's favor, love, forgiveness, and righteousness in Christ without trying to earn it?

2.) Moralism can creep into churches. Moralism can look a variety of ways. (1) Legalism is believing that because you know the right things, you are good. (2) Experientialism is believing that because you experience right things, you are good. (3) Sacredotalism is believing that because you do the right things, you are good. (4) Sacrificialism is believing that because you sacrifice the right things, you are good. Each of these is a way to try to earn God by trying to be good.

- Which one of these can you relate with the most and why?
- Which one of these have you experienced most in your church experience?

3.) There are times when we recognize that we are not righteous. There are times when we understand that we are not good. Read Ezekiel 36:22-28.

- What does God do with those who are guilty of sinning against him? What does he do to them, for them, and in them?
- The people of God are not those who try to do all the right things and act all the right ways. The people of God are those that have experienced a heart changed by God. In what ways have you seen God change your heart and desires? In what ways do you need God to change your heart and desires?

Additional Verses

Galatians 2:16, Philippians 3:8-9, Psalm 51:10, Jeremiah 24:7, Romans 10:10