

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).



Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
- How are you living up with God?
- How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
- How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Romans: Grace Is Greater

Romans 2

Read Romans 2. What sticks out to you? What do you learn about God? What did you like about this story? Did you find anything hard to understand or problematic?

What, So What, Now What? God's judgment, forbearance, and kindness are not signs of indifference; they are intentionally designed to lead us toward genuine repentance and life change.

- Are there rigid rules, fears, or performance anxieties hindering your authentic relationship with God?
- How can our faith community cultivate an environment of repentance and heart transformation rather than outward performance and judgement?
- Where do limited life experiences or unexamined blind spots make it hard to see your neighbors through Christ's eyes?
- **Idols & Cultural Myths:** What idols of power, politics, or self-sufficiency make it difficult to fully rely on God's grace?
- **Repentance vs. Condemnation:** How does recognizing God's kindness as the driver for repentance reshape how you engage with people who hold different beliefs?
- **Heart Circumcision:** In what ways are you tempted to rely on outward religious habits while ignoring internal attitudes?

Weekly Practice:

Identify a Blind Spot: Pay attention to moments of judgment or frustration this week. Ask God to reveal what underlying fears or unspoken self-righteousness might be present.

Step Into Diplomacy: Choose one specific action to practice reconciliation—offer a sincere apology, engage in active listening with someone you disagree with, or invite a neighbor to sit with you.

Walk in Grace: Intentionally set aside cultural news, social media, or habits that breed anger and comparison, replacing them with intentional proximity and care for those around you.