

Level Ground

Romans 2:1-3:20

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction: Waking up in Babel

II. Good News: Always live as if there is more that unites us than divides us!

- The main road: the imago Dei
- The low road: The Fall
- The high road: Salvation

III. The Argument of Romans 1:18-3:20 in 76 words

1. Don't Judge
2. Judgment is Coming
3. Don't Presume Special Privilege based on Group Identity
4. In case you missed it . . .

IV. Make the Good Confession

1. Don't Presume special privilege
2. God will always do what is right
3. What's the real advantage? Understanding the Promise of Romans 3:1-8

V. Conclusion: The Best News

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What do you find most confusing or frustrating about the world right now?
2. Are there any groups of people you are tempted to condemn and resent? Why or why not?

Reflecting on the Message Together

Read Romans 2:1-3:20

1. What stands out to you in hearing this passage?
2. Why do you think Paul focuses so much of his attention on the Jews?
3. In what ways might Christians today take a similar approach towards viewing people as the Jews that Paul was addressing in this passage?
4. What might be things that would cause people to question if God is really impartial?
5. The Jews assumed that because they were Jews, they didn't have to worry about Judgment. What was Paul's response?
6. If we want God to deal with us on the basis of justice, what hope do we have?
7. What was the hope that Paul was pointing towards when he quoted David's prayer of confession in Romans 3:4?
8. How did God speak to you through the message?
9. How can we pray for one another?