

Scripture: Romans 3

OPEN:

1. What advantages did you gain by being brought up in your area of the country and in your particular home? What disadvantages did you face?

DIG:

1. Although the Jewish Christians in Rome apparently felt superior to the Gentiles (2:1, 3:1), what does Paul say they have in common?
2. From verses 10-18, list what is said regarding human thought, direction, speech, and action. How does this make you feel?
3. How do vs. 19 and 1:20 prove Paul's point that the whole world is accountable to God?
4. Look up "justification", "redemption", and sacrifice of "atonement" in a dictionary. How would you translate these in ordinary English to explain what God did for us in Jesus? How can you illustrate that in your own life?
5. How does Paul continue to break down the barriers between Jewish and Gentile believers in vs 27-31?

REFLECT:

1. Suppose this letter ended with verse 20? How would you feel about yourself?  
About God?
2. What can you learn about witnessing from Paul's example in chapters 2 & 3?  
What types of people today need to be approached like this?
3. If you had to explain the Gospel from this passage alone, what would you say?
4. When did the message of God's grace become real to you? What difference is it making in your life right now?