

Sermon Discussion Questions
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Religious But Lost
Romans 2:17-29
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Sermon thought: Self deception prevents the religious lost from receiving the grace and keeps them from being saved.

1. Discuss the quote from Fyodor Dostoyevsky: “Above all, don't lie to yourself. The man who lies to himself and listens to his own lie comes to a point that he cannot distinguish the truth within him, or around him, and so loses all respect for himself and for others. And having no respect he ceases to love.”
2. Why does putting confidence in your pedigree (such as your heritage, credentials, church membership) prevent you from being saved by grace?
3. Why isn't knowledge alone enough to save someone?
4. In what ways does religious hypocrisy dishonor God, discredit our testimony and damage our witness to a watching world?
5. Read Romans 2:21-24, Matthew 23:23-24 and Micah 6:8. Why do we have a tendency to focus on the lesser things in scripture instead of the main things? In what way does focusing on the lesser keep us from focusing on and doing the greater? Are we known as people who seek justice for all, mercy for all and for being humble?
6. Why is it more important to intimately and experientially know Jesus rather than just perform mere religious activities?