

*Desire as Evidence of Faith*

Romans 2:5-11

April 24, 2016

1. Pastor Jim mentioned that faith is a tricky thing because we don't always know what faith looks like or feels like. Have you ever had a crisis of faith where you questioned God's ability or questioned whether or not you were indeed a Christian? What were some of the lessons learned and what specific things helped you through that season?
2. Romans 2:5-11 describes two groups of people. Describe these two groups of people and discuss their differences. According to Pastor Jim, who does God give eternal life to (v. 7)? How does this reveal God's goodness and grace?
3. The passage for today tells us that God does *not* play favorites. What does that mean? Why is this truth important when it comes to sharing the gospel with our friends and family?
4. Read Acts 10:1-2. What are some signs that show us Cornelius is seeking eternal life? What is God's provision for Cornelius? Why is it vital that Cornelius hear the gospel? (See Acts 4:12)
5. How can Satan deceive people who are not yet Christians yet are kind to the poor, generous, and devout in their spirituality? How is this dangerous?
6. Take this time to pray with your small group. Ask God to bring to mind anyone you know who may be like Cornelius but need to hear the gospel. This week pray for that person and boldly share the gospel with them.