



## The Deep End wk2: God's Solution

**Introduction:** It's easy to feel morally superior at times, until we take a real look in the mirror. When we do, we should realize that we need to be careful with our condemnation-it's not our job and we have much to be forgiven for. How can God forgive and still punish sin-you have to go to the deep end to discover that.

### Discussion Questions

1. Can you remember a time when you were totally wrong about something that you thought you saw or heard? Some of those things can be funny, but what can the funny ones teach us about being slower to judge?
2. Read **Romans 2:1-4** What's the difference between making a judgment and judging someone? For instance, can you say someone's behavior is wrong and not be judgmental? Or should we stay away from those things entirely?
3. One of the things that Paul does in these chapters is show that no group is without sin, not just individuals. The point is sometimes we try to take glory or credit for things we didn't do personally, but "we" did, like putting a man on the moon-or winning World War 2- can you think of other things like that?
4. Read **Romans 2:19-24** This part was written to the Jewish Christian crowd. Are there any parallels or applications for "us" today?
5. Read **Romans 3:21-26** This is the heart of Romans (and the Gospel). Why is this righteousness apart from the Law? What is the point of having the law if we only break it? How does God both punish sin and grant forgiveness here? Does any person or group receive any special standing?
6. In the sermon, Jeremy talked about Jesus being the representative of both Jews and mankind, like David was of the Israelite army against Goliath. Because he is "our" champion, we receive victory. Respond to that idea.

**Shaping Your Mind** - *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24*

**Moving Forward** – May you daily choose Jesus as your champion and representative!