

# Reflection Worksheet

## Part 7: The Kindness of God

**Romans 2-4 is an undoing of Romans 1:18-32**

Romans 1:18-32	Romans 2 - 4
God's wrath is now against the ungodly (1:18).	The kindness of God leads us to repentance (2:4); God's judgement is on all of us, leading us to the future that will come (2:5-6).
God's judgement is specifically toward the Gentile others.	God shows no partiality (2:9-11).
God gives up on people and gives them over to wickedness (1:24, 26, 28).	God gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that do not exist (4:17).
Religion is used to establish, maintain, and strengthen boundaries when threatened (1:18-32). If you resonate with this you have missed the gospel.	Paul refutes the discourse of religious and ethnic exclusion, with its attitudes and practices (2:1-16)

### Questions for Conversation and Reflection

1. The lesson this morning claims that the passage in Romans 1 that has been used to exclude sexual minorities is actually a rhetoric contrary to the message of Paul. This is what is known as *prosopopoeia*. It was included as a part of a “sting” operation to emphasize the kindness of God found in the teachings of Jesus. Do you find this argument convincing? Why or why not?
2. Paul's letter to the Roman church was aimed at addressing division within the first-century church. What are some issues dividing Christians today?
3. How do you understand the relationship between God's kindness and the Pastor Michael's claim that we are called to be a repentant people?