

"... Those Who Haven't Heard!"
(Romans 1:18-23; Acts 17:24-31 ...)

I. Introduction: I Have Been Thinking about ...

A. The inquiries

- What about the heathen or religious people?
- What about those living before the coming of Jesus?
- What about infants and the mentally handicapped?

B. The implications

- Regarding God
- Regarding Missions and Evangelism

C. The interrelation

- Jesus, the only way?
- Eternity: Are heaven AND hell eternal?

II. Exposition: ... Those Who Haven't Heard?

A. The **knowledge** of God (Romans 1:18-23)

1. Condemnation

- Habakkuk 1:13
- Colossians 3:5-7

2. Censorship

- Joshua 7:1, 20-21
- Matthew 28:11-15

3. Conscience

- Romans 2:14
- 1 Timothy 1:19

4. Creation

- Psalm 19:1-6
- Acts 14:15-17; 17:24-31

B. The **justice** of God (Romans 2:1-16)

1. Based on truth (vv. 2-5)

- Hebrews 4:12

2. Based on deeds/works (vv. 6-10)

- Judges 1:7
- Esther 7:10

3. Based on impartiality (vv. 11-16)

- Acts 10:34-35
- 1 Peter 1:17

C. The **kindness** of God (Romans 2:4)

1. Man's pursuit of God

- Psalm 145:18
- Jeremiah 29:13

2. God's pursuit of man

- Ezekiel 34:11
- Luke 19:10

3. God's provision: **More light**

- Acts 8:26-40
- Acts 10:1-48

III. Conclusion: Job 34:12 (Genesis 18:25)

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. What are some of the reasons that the Bible gives that no one will have an excuse before God?
3. Why are creation and conscience such powerful factors in the evidence for the existence of God?
4. What does Romans 2 teach us about the justice of God?
5. Discuss the kindness of God in salvation? How have you seen this in your life and in the lives of others?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)