

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea:
God wants obedience.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 119
Matthew 7:22-29
Matthew 28:18-20
Luke 11:27,28
John 14:19-24
1 Peter 4:16-19
James 1:19-25
James 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 2:5-29

Why does Paul put such great emphasis on law and obedience?
Where does our sense of right and wrong come from?
What are some things that everyone agrees are wrong?
How were the Jews using the law?
Think about your neighbors. How many of them would most people consider to be good people?
When a child obeys his or her parents, what does that tell you about the relationship between the child and the parents? What about when the child disobeys?
When I disobey God, what does that tell others (who are watching!) about my relationship with God.
The Jews placed confidence in circumcision. What are you proud of or confident in?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Father, forgive me for thinking of myself
as superior to others.
The truth is that my heart does not always desire to obey.
Forgive me of my disobedience.
Help me to become more like You
and not spend time comparing myself to others.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ ROMANS 2:6-10

Describe a good person.
Describe an evil person.
What does God have planned for those who do good?
What does God have planned for those who do evil?

READ ROMANS 2:13

Make a list of your parents' rules that you know.
Make a list of your parent's rules that you obey.
Why are the lists different?
Draw a picture of something you know how to do
and should do, but don't do.

READ ROMANS 2:21-23

What is something that you tell others to do (or not to do)
that you do not (or do) do?

READ ROMANS 2:24

When other people watch you or listen to you,
what are they learning about God?

READ ROMANS 2:28-29

Draw a picture of a well dressed person doing a bad thing.
Draw a picture of a poorly dressed person
doing a good thing.
What does God want from us?

MEMORY VERSE:

What, then, shall we _____ in response to this?
If _____ is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own _____,
but _____ Him up for us all—how will He not also,
along with Him, graciously _____ us all _____?
_____ 8:31-32

CRYPTOGRAM

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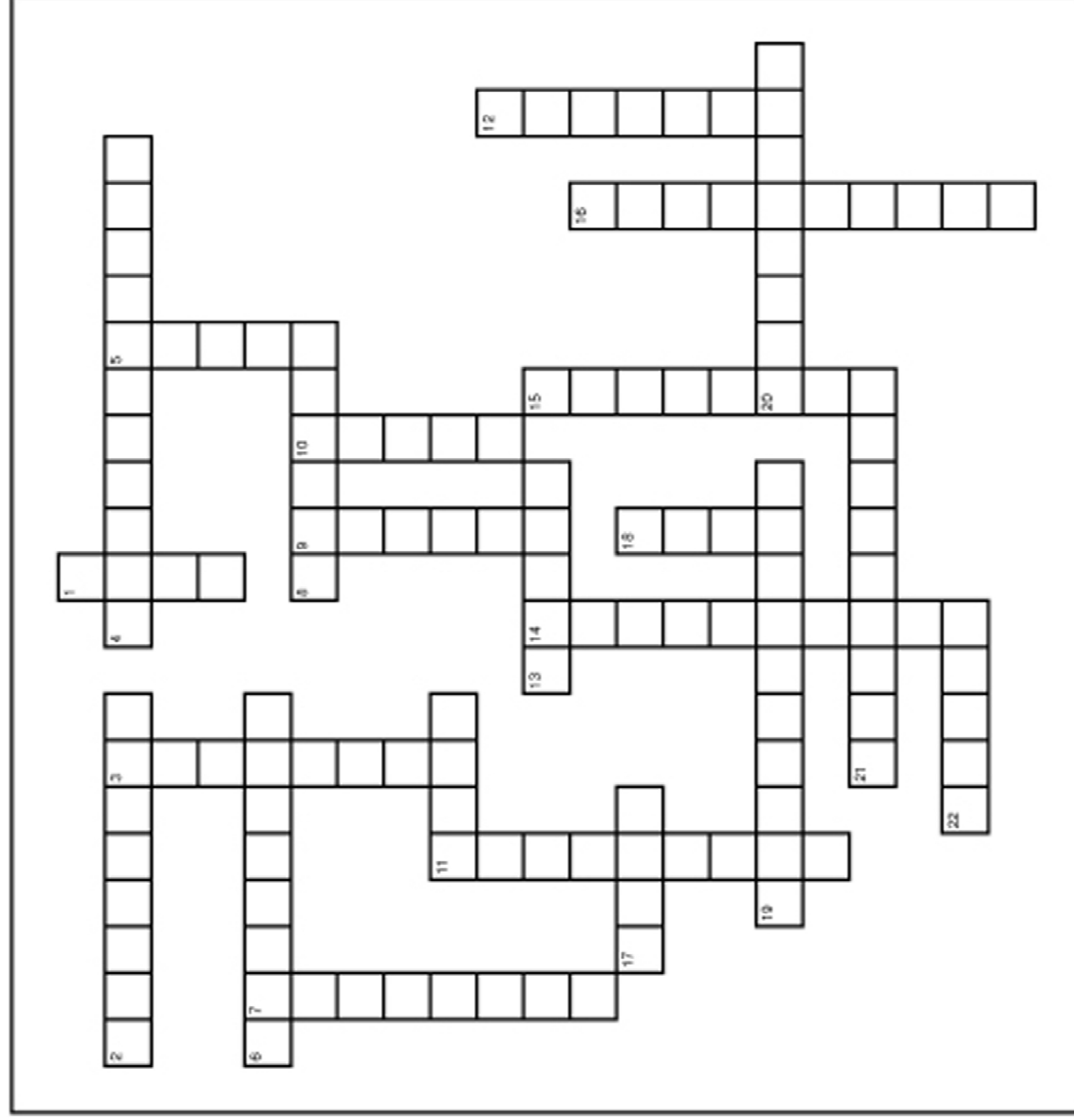
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Cryptogram

Romans 2:4-29

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Across

2. named (Romans 2:13)
4. trying again and again (Romans 2:7)
6. taking someone else's spouse as your own (Romans 2:22)
8. tell what God wants told (Romans 2:21)
11. follow and do (Romans 2:13)
13. angry punishment (Romans 2:8)
17. boast or gloat (Romans 2:23)
19. used in a wrong way, dishonored (Romans 2:24)
20. at the heart or core (Romans 2:29)
21. in the same way (Romans 2:6)
22. things worshipped that are not God (Romans 2:22)

Down

1. listen to (Romans 2:13)
3. all (Romans 2:10)
5. instruct (Romans 2:21)
7. painful discomfort (Romans 2:9)
9. don't want (Romans 2:8)
10. hate (Romans 2:22)
11. on the surface or outside (Romans 2:28)
12. never ending (Romans 2:7)
14. God-like (Romans 2:13)
15. taking what belongs to others (Romans 2:21)
16. bias or partiality (Romans 2:11)
18. accomplished (Romans 2:6)

Romans 2:4-29

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Romans 2:4-29

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4. REATLNE _ _ _ _ _ _
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