

**GCBC, 1st November 2020 -**

**Digging Deeper for Children**

**Full Scripture readings: Romans 2:17-3:8 and Psalm 51 (NLT)**

**Read through each Scripture passage and think through them to answer the question that follows.**

**Romans 2:28-29** - “For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.”

**Psalm 51:16-17** - “You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.”

**What is the difference between becoming a real follower of Jesus and going through the motions by going to church and being a “good” person?**

**Romans 2:20-21** - “You think you can instruct the ignorant and teach children the ways of God. For you are certain that God’s law gives you complete knowledge and truth. Well then, if you teach others, why don’t you teach yourself? You tell others not to steal, but do you steal?”

**How might we “teach ourselves” so we can teach our friends about the gospel?**

**How do we respond when our friends question and challenge the gospel?**

**Psalms 51:10-12** - “Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.”

**We can pray this prayer just as David did a long time ago to help strengthen our faith which leads to wanting to obey God.**