



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discovery 201** – We are excited to hold our next Discovery 201 class on Sunday, 3/26 at 3pm. This class covers Spiritual Maturity. Sign up on the App, Website or by stopping by the Info Center in the Lobby. Contact Rene Snyder at [rsnyder@southwinds.org](mailto:rsnyder@southwinds.org) with questions.
- **Easter Eggs Needed** – 1,000's of plastic eggs with individually wrapped candy needed for the Kids' Easter Egg Hunt! The Got Eggs? graphic on the App will take you directly to Amazon. Buy and send your candy selection directly to Southwinds Church. Or buy your pre-stuffed eggs and drop them off at a bucket in the Kids' Area or the WC Lobby. Contact [cgarth@southwinds.org](mailto:cgarth@southwinds.org) with questions.
- **Good Friday Service Volunteers Needed** – We need greeters, ushers, childcare, and additional volunteers for this year's service. Please reach out to Chris Martinez at (760) 685-5152; [cmartinez@southwinds.org](mailto:cmartinez@southwinds.org) or Teresa Colon at 408-896-3558 or [mrsteresacolon@gmail.com](mailto:mrsteresacolon@gmail.com).

## MY STORY

“The God who in himself is invisible and unknowable has made himself both visible and knowable through what he has made. The creation is a visible disclosure of the invisible God, an intelligible disclosure of the otherwise unknown God, just as artists reveal themselves in what they draw, paint and sculpt. So the Divine Artist has revealed himself in his creation.” – John Stott

**Share a time when God has revealed himself to you in a special way through his creation.**

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

“We don't talk about the wrath of God a lot. This word wrath probably brings a lot of thoughts and questions to your mind. Maybe it concerns or confuses you to hear God and wrath in the same sentence. How could the God who is love be a God of wrath? Isn't this idea something people used to believe? Isn't God's wrath something certain people use to threaten and manipulate? Maybe hearing

about God's wrath takes you to a place where anger has wounded you. We don't want to think about wrath. But God Word does." – **Michael Nolen**

**Have A Volunteer Read: Romans 1:18-25; 3:9-12; Psalm 19:1-2; Jeremiah 2:11-13**

**Point #1: We are all SINNERS.**

"Paul says, "Apart from Christ, this is who we are." We're sinners. It's true about everyone apart from Christ. We're all sinners. We were created by God for God. God created us to live in relationship with him, to experience his love and goodness. He made us to worship him and serve him and share his goodness with his world. But the reality is we've all rebelled against God, from our first parents Adam and Eve to every single person who's ever lived. The Bible teaches we are sinners by nature and sinners by choice. We've made God our enemy, and as a result we live under his wrath".

- **Michael Nolen**

"We are created as worshiping creatures. You can't not worship. You're going to worship something. When you reject God, you don't get rid of God, you replace him with someone or something else. If it's not God, it's always something else. It's how we're made. Our hearts are always reaching out to something... asking something to save us, something to help us, something to satisfy us, something to make us feel loved or lovely. We worship whatever we think we need to feel alive. We can't help it. There are even religious versions of this, where people claim to follow the biblical God, but because of sin, they craft their own version of God in their minds. – **Michael Nolen**

**What do we find ourselves being tempted to worship apart from God?**

"This is just the natural tendency of fallen human beings in our sinful state is to reimagine God in the way that we like him. So Patrick Morley said it like this... There's a God we want and a God that is and the two are not the same God. And notice how insane this all is." – **Michael Nolen**

**How do we tend to reimagine God?**

**Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 2:5**

**Point #2: We all deserve GOD'S WRATH.**

"Part of our trouble with God's wrath is we misunderstand it. Wrath is not an outburst of anger or cruelty. God's wrath is God's holy, settled opposition to sin and injustice. It's a fruit of God's holiness and his goodness and his justice. Wrath is actually the revelation of God's love.

**Why is God's wrath different from man's wrath?**

"In Romans 2:5, God's wrath is something that's future. But wrath also is something that's present. First, the present wrath of God is revealed in humanity's alienation from God. Second, the present wrath of God reveals itself in humanity's moral disintegration. One of the manifestations of God's present wrath is God gives us what we want." – **Michael Nolen**

**How often do we blame God for our sins or the sins of others?**

**Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 8:1**

**Point #3: We all have ONLY ONE HOPE: THE GOSPEL.**

“The good news is that Jesus, God’s Son, has come to bear God's wrath for us. The sinless one took on our sin. The righteous one took on our unrighteousness. He who knew no sin became sin for us. And God the Father poured his wrath out on God the Son, the wrath we deserved. Jesus took our sin on himself and God gave him over to wrath. At the cross, Jesus stood in our place, so through faith in him, we could stand forever righteous. What a beautiful picture... Jesus taking our sin, bearing our wrath, so that we could have his righteousness and know God's acceptance.” – **Michael Nolen**

“We’re all under the wrath of God, and it's a choice whether or not you stay there. Maybe you're thinking, ‘What if God's already given me over? What if it's too late? God gives you over to yourself to bring you to the end of yourself.” – **Michael Nolen**

**Tell us about a time when you came to the end of yourself and realized only Jesus could save you.**

**APPLICATION**

**Evaluate your life this week and thank God for the many ways he has delivered you from his wrath.**

**PRAISES**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**