

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 with questions.
- **Easter Volunteers Needed** We are scheduling volunteers for Sunday Services. We have additional categories that you can serve in. Please visit the Easter Volunteer Form at the App or out at the Information Table to sign up. Contact <u>rsnyder@southwinds.org</u> with questions.
- **Good Friday Service** Join us for our Good Friday services on April 7th for a time of reflection and worship. Service starts at 7 pm in the Worship Center. For questions or to volunteer contact Teresa Colon at (408) 896-3558 or <u>mrsteresacolon@gmail.com</u>.

MY STORY

Share a time when you had to accept something as a fact that was contrary to your opinion?

QUICK REVIEW

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

DIGGING DEEPER

Have A Volunteer Read: Romans 1: 26-32, 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 4:3-5 Point #1 Our desires are <u>DISORDERED</u>.

"Our fallen condition as sinners has warped even our internal desires, so that not only is our worship off, our wanting is off. When we turn from God and stop worshipping him, our hearts don't stop wanting things. They just want the wrong things. That's what Paul is talking about in Romans 1:24-25." – **Michael Nolen**

"Traditionalist understand these verses in line with how Christians have historically understood them for 2000 years. But there's a temptation for the traditionalist, and that is to weaponized these verses, and fail to see their own distorted desires and loves, while standing in judgment over those who live out same-sex desires." – **Michael Nolen**

"But the revisionists have taken 2000 years of church history and said, 'We think the church has been wrong the whole time, not only about this passage in Romans, but all the places in the Bible that mention homosexuality." – **Michael Nolen**

Prior to this week's message, were your views more traditionalist or revisionists?

How have traditionalists used God's Word to minimize certain sins and emphasize others?

Why do revisionists feel they need to improve upon God's Word?

Have Another Volunteer Read: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Point #2: Our minds are DEBASED.

"Debased, unfit minds are about all the sins we fallen sinners commit. And the same thing is true about 1:32. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them." (Romans 1:32, ESV) – **Michael Nolen**

"Could you imagine testimony night in Corinth. Some guy stands up, 'I used to be a complete drunkard.' It was like, "We know, man. We saw it." 'I was so hammered most of the time. And I met Jesus. And He forgave me. And he cleansed me. And he empowered me. He put His Spirit within me. He gave me a new family. He gave me self-control, and I'm walking in sobriety and joy.' Someone else stands up, 'Man, I was a swindler.' "Like I know Bob, you still owe me 20 bucks." 'I was a swindler. I was so greedy and dishonest. But Jesus saved me.'" – **Michael Nolen**

"Let me close. My ultimate concern here is really for the church. It's so easy for us to think about all that sin out there. God is concerned, first and foremost, with the sin in here. Judgment begins with the household of God." – **Michael Nolen**

Why is it refreshing when we experience the openness of other Christ followers sharing their struggles and victories over sin?

What barriers do I need to remove from my life that keeps me from sharing my sins with other Christ followers?

How is church hindered by us not sharing our testimony?

APPLICATION

Take time this week to meet with someone and share something you are struggling with.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS