

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

The Wrath of God

Romans 1:18

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."

Additional passages: Romans 2:3-5, 5:1-11; Eph 2:1-10; Col 2:13-14, Heb 12:1-11

Definition of Wrath of God: Perfectly just anger against wickedness.

Because our sin is against an infinite and eternal God, our punishment will be eternal as well unless it is transferred onto Jesus Christ. Fully God and fully man. Jesus alone can deliver us from the wrath of God (John 14:6; Rom 5:8-9, 8:1, 10:9-10).

Questions:

- 1. When you hear the term "wrath," what comes to mind?**
(Note: Talk about how we often equate wrath with unrighteous anger expressed through an authority figure, perhaps our earthly father or a boss).
- 2. How is God's wrath different from unrighteous human wrath?**
- 3. Since God pours out His wrath against sinners and we are all sinners (Rom 3:23), God's wrath alone without a gospel is bad news. But the gospel is amazingly good news. Talk about the good news of what Jesus accomplished for us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection.**
(Note: Taking the punishment we deserve, leaving not one drop of wrath left against anyone who puts their trust in Him.)
- 4. Pastor John talked about how the greatest need of every person is to be reconciled to God. How does this impact the way you share the gospel with non-believers? (Note: Making the reason for their need for Jesus clear: to be reconciled to a holy God).**
- 5. Consider the amazing truth of John 15:15 – that Jesus calls those who follow Him friends. Who does Psalm 25:14 say the friendship of the Lord is for?**
(Note: Think about and talk together about the amazing truth that we who were once enemies of God are now His sons and daughters and friends of His Son Jesus. What difference does this make in your everyday life?)
- 6. How does loving discipline differ from wrath? What is the difference in intention? According to Hebrews 12:5-11 what is the impact of God's loving discipline in our life?**