

# Sermon Discussion Guide

"Suppressing the Truth"  
Romans 1:18-23

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1.) This passage says that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven. It is good for us to wrestle with the truth of the wrath of God. This truth can be difficult for many of us. This truth brings out many different feelings and opinions in us. Ultimately, it does not matter what we want God to be. What matters is who He says that He is and that we belief, trust, and submit to who He is.

- How would you define and describe the wrath of God?
- What is your opinion on the wrath of God?
- Why do we not like the wrath of God? What makes God's wrath a hard thing to accept about who He is?

2.) God's wrath is patient, pointed, precise, and rooted in His love. Read the descriptions below. Which one of these descriptions stands out to you the most and why?

- Patient - *Because God is holy, we deserve to die the moment we sin. Yet, God waits so that people might turn to him for salvation.*
- Pointed - *God's wrath is pointed against specific things - all ungodliness and all unrighteousness.*
- Precise - *Like a good surgeon, God is precise and seeks to cut ways any and all sin in you life because He knows that it will harm you and destroy you.*
- Rooted in His love - *We misunderstand God's wrath because we misunderstand God's love. His wrath beckons us to turn away from sin and turn to His love for us.*

3.) This passage says that what can be known about God is plain. His invisible attributes of his eternal power (being all-powerful) and his divine nature (being God) is clearly seen in creation.

- Do you ever feel like God is hard to know and understand? Do you ever feel like God is hidden?
- What questions do you have about God that you want answers to? How can you take a step in finding answers to your questions?

4.) *The problem with our sin is that we suppress (refuse to accept and trust) the truth about God and we try to find our satisfaction in things other than God.*

- Is there any truth about God that you are refusing to accept and trust?
- What things in your life are you trying to find satisfaction in apart from God? God will not allow you to find satisfaction in anything else but Him.

5.) Jesus shows his love for us by dying for us and saving us from the wrath of God (Romans 5:8-9).

- What does this mean to you? How can this "good news" of Jesus impact your life this week?

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## Additional Verses

*Psalms 103:8-10, Colossians 3:6, Ecclesiastes 3:11, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 5:8-9*