



Ever Wonder Why?

Week four - "Judgment and Punishment"

Deuteronomy 32, Romans 12:17-21, and Isaiah 53:3-6

Bottom line: We accept God's judgment and God's punishment because we need and we want God's justice and God's forgiveness.

1. What do we like about the idea of judgment? What do we dislike about the idea of judgment?
2. Why is our culture more prone to reject the idea of judgment while other cultures are more prone to embrace it?
3. What are some things you don't like, but still believe to be true, or right? How does the concept of hell fit into that equation?
4. How have you experienced teachings about damnation and hell in an unhelpful way for either yourself or someone else? What are some things you may have learned in this message that change your understanding of hell?
5. Read Romans 12:17-21
 - a. How does God's judgment and wrath play into how we respond to evil and violence?
 - b. How is God's vengeance different from human vengeance?
6. Read Isaiah 53:3-6
 - a. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus took on your punishment?
 - b. How do we understand judgment differently knowing that Jesus is the One seated at the right hand of God when it comes to our judgment?

"Perfect love casts out all fear." 1 John 4:18