

COVID QUESTIONS 2// Is COVID a judgement from God?

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The message this morning tackles a more theological question than last week. To answer this we must survey scripture to learn some foundational truths about judgement in the Bible. We must also look at how Jesus and the early church addressed sickness and tragedy. Finally, we need to acknowledge that while this is an important question to address in the face of COVID-19, there is another that is clearly more important.

- How are you doing this week? Take some time to check in with each other.
- What are some of your initial thoughts from the message? Have you heard anyone saying that COVID is a judgement from God, etc.?
- What picture do we get of God judging in Psalm 98:8-9?
- Is God's judgement primarily punitive or corrective? How does Hebrews 12:6 help us understand this?
- Aren't you glad his primary purpose in judgement is primarily about "setting things to rights?"
- Discuss the point that the OT emphasizes the ongoing story of judgement for Israel while the NT emphasizes a future judgement. How does knowing this affect how you read the Bible? Should you read "judgement texts" in the OT for believers today? (Does anyone remember the 3 steps Pastor Rob mentioned on how to read the Bible?)
- What do we learn from Acts 11:27-30 about how the early church responded to tragedy?
- **Is there a specific way you can serve others together as a Community Group this week? Take time to plan and pray over this.**
- Do you think it's our job to determine whether or not COVID is a judgement from God? Why or why not?
- What does John 9:1-3 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 teach us about how we understand sickness, sin, and satan?
- Does God have to scare us, send diseases, or punish us to get us to repent? How does Isaiah 30:18; Mark 1:14-15; Romans 2:4; and 2 Peter 3:9 inform your answer to this?
- What question is more important than the one driving this sermon? How does Luke 13:1-5 and John 3:16-21 demonstrate this?