

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

Discussion Guide Sunday Sermon 6.28.26



Understanding the Wrath of God

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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Opening Prayer

Begin with prayer, asking God to help your group understand His holiness and appreciate the gospel more deeply.

Icebreaker Question

If someone you care about called you today asking how to be saved, would you feel equipped to explain it to them? Why or why not?

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. The Foundation: God's Holiness

- God's holiness is absolute perfection, moral purity, and complete separateness from all sin
- The Bible emphasizes "Holy, holy, holy" (not "love, love, love" or "mercy, mercy, mercy")
- God's holiness governs all His other attributes

2. The Definition: God's Wrath

- God's wrath is His holy, personal, righteous response to sin
- It is NOT an uncontrolled temper tantrum or merely natural consequences
- It is NOT the opposite of His love, but the expression of His holiness toward sin

3. The Display: The Cross

- The cross is the greatest display of both God's love AND His wrath
 - At the cross, God's wrath was poured out on Jesus instead of us
 - God doesn't sweep sin under the rug—He judged it fully in His Son
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Discussion Questions

Understanding God's Holiness

1. How does understanding God's holiness change the way you view sin in your own life?
2. The sermon used the illustration of slapping different people (sister, teacher, president) to show how the seriousness of an offense depends on who is offended. How does this

help you understand why sin against God is such a serious matter?

3. Read Isaiah 6:1-7. How did Isaiah respond when he encountered God's holiness? What does this teach us about appropriate responses to God?

Confronting Our Culture

4. The pastor mentioned that our culture tries to convince us that "violating the holiness of God through sin is not really that big of a deal." Where do you see this message in today's world?
5. How have you personally been influenced by the cultural message that minimizes sin? Be honest with the group.
6. Why do you think the wrath of God is such an unpopular or neglected topic in many churches today?

The Gospel Connection

7. The sermon stated: "The darker the night, the brighter the light. The deeper you understand your sin, the more amazing grace will be to you." Have you found this to be true in your own experience? Share your story.
8. How does understanding God's wrath help you appreciate the cross more deeply?
9. Read Romans 5:6-11. What specific phrases in this passage give you comfort and assurance?

Personal Application

10. The pastor challenged us to be ready to share the gospel with those we're concerned about. What elements would you include in explaining the gospel to someone?
 11. Are there people in your life who need to understand that sin is a serious issue before they can appreciate Jesus? How can you pray for them this week?
 12. What's the difference between trusting in an "experience" versus trusting in Jesus Christ? Why is this distinction important?
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Biblical Survey Activity

Group Exercise: The sermon briefly surveyed God's wrath throughout Scripture. As a group read each one of these passages and discuss:

- **Group 1:** The Fall (Genesis 3)
- **Group 2:** The Flood (Genesis 6-8)
- **Group 3:** Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19)
- **Group 4:** The Cross (Isaiah 53, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:13)

Questions for each group:

- What does this passage reveal about God's holiness?
 - What does it reveal about the seriousness of sin?
 - Where do you see God's mercy or grace even in the midst of judgment?
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose at least one of the following to practice this week:

1. **Memorize a Key Verse:**
 - Romans 5:9 - "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."
2. **Personal Reflection:**
 - Spend time this week reflecting on specific sins you've minimized. Confess them to God and thank Him for the cross.
3. **Gospel Preparation:**
 - Write out how you would explain the gospel to someone, making sure to include: sin, God's holiness, God's wrath, the cross, and salvation through faith in Christ.
4. **Prayer List:**
 - Make a list of people you're concerned about spiritually. Commit to praying for them daily this week.
5. **Praise Response:**
 - Listen to hymns or songs about the cross this week with fresh appreciation, understanding both the wrath Jesus bore and the love God showed.

Closing Reflection

Read together: Romans 5:8 - "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Closing Questions:

- How has this study changed your understanding of God's character?
- What is one truth from today's discussion that you want to remember this week?
- How will you live differently because of what you've learned?

Closing Prayer

Pray together, focusing on:

- **Thanksgiving** for God's holiness and justice
 - **Gratitude** for Jesus bearing God's wrath in our place
 - **Intercession** for those who don't yet know Christ
 - **Commitment** to share the gospel with clarity and boldness
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