



Community Group Notes + Questions

Engage: Without Excuse

Romans 1:18-23 | 4.11.21

Icebreaker: Out of the 23 verses of Romans that we have covered so far what is something that has been impactful or surprising to you?

How has coming to understand Paul's perspective helped you to begin to better engage with God, yourself, and the world?

Why is it that we tend to freeze up when it comes to sharing the Gospel or engaging in spiritual conversations?

Paul's argument against Humanity in the "courtroom" tells us...

1. God is Angry: The Wrath (vs 18)
 - How does it make you feel when you hear that God is angry? Does it make you uncomfortable and/or go against what you have been told about God?
 - In what ways does understanding God's wrath and cause of it (ungodliness - belief & unrighteousness - behavior) effect the way that you view yourself?
 - How does sharing Paul's perspective of those around us as being under divine wrath affect the mission you have been called to do just as Paul was?
2. We are Guilty: The Wrong (vs 18)
 - Is anyone willing to share about a time in their life when they knew God & the truth but did everything in your power to suppress it (hold it down so that it wouldn't surface)?
 - What was the root of your wanting to suppress it? Desire for "freedom/independence", maintaining a sense of "control", etc?
 - What caused you to finally let go?
 - Considering verse 21, How do we take credit for what God has done in our lives?
3. There is No Excuse: The Witnesses (vs. 19-21)
 - How would your encounters with creation and your conscience be different if you did not have the scriptures to reveal the Gospel?
 - Do you think it is sometimes helpful to reference creation and/or the conscience when helping someone come to better under the Gospel? How so?