

LIFE GROUP SERMON APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon: Acts 5+ | Acts Excursus: Understanding the Wrath of God

March 24, 2024



START with this discussion question: What do you look forward to the most about Easter/Resurrection Sunday?

1. Pastor Chris began the message stating the importance of understanding the connection between the Old and New Testaments and how important it is to fully understand what the entire Bible reveals about God, especially regarding topics like God's wrath. Discuss this.
 - a. Read and discuss 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - b. Discuss this statement: *"The New is in the Old concealed, and the Old is in the New revealed"*.
2. The goal of Living Hope Bible Church is to be a church that equally loves the deep truth of God's Word and loves people in a way that moves them to know Jesus. Discuss the dangers of being a church that is only marked by one of these.
 - a. Read and discuss 1 Cor. 8:1 and John 3:36
3. We defined God's wrath as *"God's wrath, in perfect harmony with all of His divine attributes, is the holy action of retributive justice towards persons whose actions deserve condemnation"*. Discuss this.
4. Discuss your notes and takeaways from the section "Why does evil exist?"
5. Discuss your notes and takeaways from the section "Critics from within and without".
 - a. The key to understanding God's wrath and grace comes from verses such as Romans 11:22. Read and discuss this verse together.
 - b. To the external (non-believing) critic of God's wrath we emphasize that God is far more loving and merciful than they realize. Discuss this and read John 3:16 and Eph. 2:4.
 - c. We spend time looking at passages in the Old Testament that are often used to paint God's wrath in a very negative light. Discuss what was taught regarding many of these passages.



- d. To the internal (those who claim to follow God) critic of God's Wrath we emphasize that God is far more holy, righteous, just and severe as revealed in His Word. Discuss this and read Rom. 1:18

6. Review and discuss the five keys to remember regarding God's wrath from the close of the sermon. If needed refer to the sermon on YouTube.

CLOSE your time in prayer together using this format:

- Praise and prayers of adoration/praise/thanksgiving to God. Pray for those external and internal critics of God's wrath to understand the whole picture of who God is.
- Pray to be believers that live in the power of the Holy Spirit (PRAY | YIELD | FILLED | REPEAT)
- Pray that Living Hope would indeed be unified in Jesus and truth and of one heart and soul.
- Pray for the needs of others outside of your group.
- Pray for the needs of the people in your group.
- Pray for Easter Sunday!