

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 2/11/2024

For you as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

Opener Question or Activity: How high is your confidence in the media regarding presenting the truth? How important is "Truth" to people today?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Romans 1:18-2:4

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)*

Read Romans 1:18-20

1. Before you were saved, what did you know about the Bible and Jesus, if anything? How did God make the truth known to you before you were saved?
2. What attributes of God's character are listed here in this passage and are they difficult to see or comprehend, according to vs. 20?
3. Is hearing of God's wrath an easy or difficult thing for you to accept?
4. If God is loving, why would His wrath be against those who "suppress the truth"? What truth does all mankind need to know?
5. How would you say that the truth is "evident" or "made plain" to people, specifically from this passage?(Vs. 19) Other passages?(ie - Jn 14:6)
6. Read Hebrews 11:1-3. What would be any correlation to the Romans text?
7. Since God's qualities are clearly seen(vs. 20), what response should you have to this understanding? Are there others you need to share this with?
8. How does it make you feel that no one has an excuse to not know God?

Apply it today: What was most important for you to remember today and why?