

SERMON: Trust the Wrath of God

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SERIES: Love Your Enemies

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THE GOAL: The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS: Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:19-20.

SERMON OUTLINE: I. What it means to live peaceably. II. What compels us to live peaceably. III. How to live peaceably

REVIEW: Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

Observation: as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

Interpretation: answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

Application: answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

GO DEEPER: Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. Do you struggle with the wrath of God? Why or why not?
2. Read Psalm 94 together. What angers God? How does the Psalmist take comfort in God's wrath?
3. Why is it so important that we see God's wrath and God's love as working together in our redemption? What happens if God is not wrathful? What happens if God is not loving?
4. "Leaving it to the wrath of God" includes the following: a) forsaking revenge, b) desiring their reconciliation with God, c) trusting the promise of God's wrath, d) trusting God's work in you. Which of these stands out to you? Why?

Prayer: Confess to God your faith in his wrath and justice. Confess ways that you have become vengeful. Ask God to empower you to forsake revenge as you trust his saving work in your life.