

Sermon Discussion Questions
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Romans 1:18-32
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Theme: Romans 1 shows us our desperate situation in our sin and our need for God's gracious gift of faith leading to life.

Questions:

1. Tim described God's wrath as his reasoned, holy, and righteous response to evil and sin. How is God's wrath different in its purpose than our anger?
2. Read Exodus 34:5-7, Psalm 103, and Jonah 4:1-3. Based on these passages, what is highlighted about God's character? Do you think we assume the same thing about God as Jonah? Why do you think we do or do not?
3. Paul describes a downward progression from verses 21-23. He says man has suppressed the truth concerning God, has rejected God, and replaced God with false gods. How does each step proceed the next in this downward spiral?
4. What is God's response to humanity's rejection of him? Why does God respond this way?
5. Tim gave an important warning not to allow this passage to become merely about the sin of society, but is about the sin that is in us. He told us that when we deflect the message of Romans 1 onto others we miss the point. Ask yourself and discuss, "How does it change my perspective and impact how I view others when I understand Romans 1:18-32 is describing me?"