

## CONNECTION

- When you were a teenager/young adult, what was considered the biggest problem in the world?

## OPENING PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE

- Romans 1:18-32

## EXTRA RESOURCES (to share in your group):

- [WRATH OF GOD | H. B. Charles \(TGC\) | Video](#) (3 mins)
- [WRATH OF GOD | D.A. Carson \(Desiring God\) | Video](#) (12 mins)

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## CONVERSATIONS:

- What do you think of when you think about wrath? Where did you get your picture of “wrath” from?
- Why do you think Paul begins his explanation of the gospel with such intense and challenging language?
- How would you explain the “wrath of God” to a new or non-Christian person?

Read Romans 1:18-23. In this passage Paul lists 4 reasons for God’s wrath.

- 1. The suppression of the truth (v. 18). Why do we suppress the truth?
- 2. Ignoring the revelation of God. (vv. 19 - 20). What are some examples from the world around you that reveal to you the existence of God?
- 3. Entitlement (v. 21). What is the entitlement that this verse is talking about?
- 4. They exchanged the truth for a lie (vv. 22 - 23). Where do you see the truth being exchanged for a lie...
  - In our culture?
  - In yourself?

- In this verse Paul describes some idols. In our culture we don't worship physical idols. Instead our idols are typically "good things that we've made ultimate things." What kinds of things do you see as potential idols?
- Read Romans 1:24 - 27.
  - C.S. Lewis once wrote: "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' How is this a description of God's wrath?"
  - Paul uses sexual brokenness to demonstrate how our broken identities lead to a search for identity and pleasure where it can't be found.
    - Why do you think sexuality is often the place people search for identity?
    - How can we love our LGBTQ+ neighbors?
- Read Romans 1:28-32
  - Which parts of the list of corrupted thoughts and actions do you see most present in the world around you?
  - What about within yourself?
- How can we battle sin without falling into a gospel of works instead of the gospel of grace?

**RIDGE REMINDERS:**

- RIDGE CHURCH AGM | Sunday Feb 26th (after service)
- RIDGE ESSENTIALS Classes | STARTING POINT and TRUTH & EVIDENCE begin March 26th | Register online.

### RIDGE CARES:

- Items needed for our our Syrian Family (arriving Feb 16):  
Laptop  
Towels  
Privacy Screen (room divider)  
Dresser  
Lamp  
Large area rug  
*(Please contact the church office if you are able to supply any of these items).*
- Other members of our Syrian Family are expected to arrive within a few months and will need a 3-4 Bedroom Townhouse to rent, preferably in the Cottonwood area.

### RIDGE PRAYS:

- PRAY that our Lent Event this week would be well attended and that we would all have a desire to observe a Lenten discipline as we lead up to Easter.
- PRAY that as we work through the series on SIN, we would gain a better understanding of the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice for us.
- PRAY for all who were affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, Pray for shelter and food for all who are homeless right now. Pray for wisdom for all decision makers and pray that those Christian Aid agencies who are involved would shine the light of Jesus across both countries.
- PRAY for the Hoca family who will have their immigration interviews on Feb 23. Pray for safety as they travel to Ankara and that their visas would come soon.