

THE GOSPEL IS TRUTH

ROMANS 1:18-32 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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When I embrace the truth of the gospel...I avoid God's wrath (1:18)...I acknowledge God's creation (1:19-20)...I adore the God of creation (1:21-25)...I align with God's righteousness (1:26-32)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The question, "What is truth?" is an essential spiritual meditation. Today, it is popular to talk about "preaching your truth" as though truth changes with personal views. For some, truth is relative. However, for disciples, truth is not related to perspective. Reality aligns with a correct understanding of the world as God created it to be. The Word of God lets us know that the root issue in the conflict between God and humanity is that we suppress the truth. The Gospel brings truth to light.

Suppressing the truth sounds like part of a conspiracy theory. Is that an appropriate comparison? Who benefits from suppressing God's word?

If practicing sin in our lives hides the truth about God from others, is it right to conclude that faithful living reveals God to others? What effect do you think your life has on others' ability to perceive God?

Paul tells us in Romans 1:18 that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness." This is bad news. How do you break the bad news about sin and wrath to people who need to know?

Which phrases from Romans 1:19-20 tell you that it is possible to draw the conclusion that God exists from observing the world he has made?

What created thing(s) cause(s) you to consider God's divine nature and eternal power? Why do you think it has that effect on you?

Look at Romans 1:21-23. What are the unrighteous activities that caused God to "give them up" to their lusts, dishonorable passions, and a debased mind?

What does it mean to approve of sin? Why is the approval of sin an escalation in moral depravity?

Are there any decisions you've made recently that suppress the truth about God? What decision would have made it obvious that you believe in and follow God's ways?