

God Loves People - Series

Message Summary: In this last message of our series God Loves People, we want to bring balance to the series itself. It's true that God loves people. That's the profound truth at the very heart of the Gospel. It's equally true that He hates evil and the practice of it. Today we want to show how both the wrath of God and the love of God are integral parts of the nature of God Himself. This is crucial so that we don't distort Him to the world and mislead people eternally. Let's consider three requirements for representing the God who loves people.

God Loves, but keep Balanced

Romans 2:1-11

1. Be Balanced Theologically (vv. 1-11)

2. Be Bold Spiritually (vv. 4b-11)

- A. Christians must permeate non-Christian society
- B. Christians can influence a non-Christian culture

3. Be Bountiful Practically (v. 4a)

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT (5min) - Time spent praising the Lord with opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) - How does a critical review of a movie or concert affect our decision about attending it?

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Read Romans 2:1-11 and review Sunday's sermon outline together stopping along the way for additional comments or notes people have.

1. In v.1 when we judge others, what do we do to ourselves?
2. When have you ever judged someone else and realized you were guilty of the same offense?
3. When has God's patience, tolerance, and kindness brought you to repentance?
4. In what circumstances do you find yourself passing judgment on other people?
5. How should your anticipation of a coming judgment day affect your daily behavior?
6. What did God reveal to you in this message studying together as a LifeGroup?

APPLY IT (15min) - Who in your life is not ready for their day of judgment before God and needs your prayers this week?