

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Romans // God's Righteous Judgment

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What is the best commercial you have seen recently?

Reading: Romans 1:16-32

Outline:

- I. The Power to Save
 - a. The Gospel, and Jesus' resurrection, is the answer to the conundrum of how God can remain just in his punishment of sin and also show mercy. It is how He has shown His power.
 - b. The things in our lives that use salvation language want your faith, but they can't deliver the salvation they promise. We don't have to strive for what God has already accomplished.
Q: What areas of your life are using false salvation language?
- II. The Power to Judge
 - a. If we want a life lived in lust, greed, hatred, and vengeance, we can have it and what comes with it. And what we thought was freedom will become our enslavement.
 - b. Either Jesus is Lord or He's not. We don't get to play lord of our lives and then leave everything else to Jesus. Jesus has come to save us from those sins.
Q: How can we better let Jesus be Lord in our daily lives?
- III. The Purpose of Judgment
 - a. This text highlights the depravity of the world so that we turn our repentance to the one thing that has the power to save us.
 - b. God has taken the sin of the world and placed it on His son Jesus. In this, we can find real freedom to live as we've been made and to honor and glorify the God who made us.
Q: Why do we need God's righteous judgment to guide the way we live and seek forgiveness?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What is a way that you have felt judged by others? How is this different from God's judgment?
- 2) How can we move away from the sinful nature of the world and turn to the salvation given to us by Jesus?
- 3) How has the Gospel changed the way that judgment is handled through faith?
- 4) In what ways are we not allowing Jesus to fully be Lord of our lives?

Suggestions for further study:

- John 3:17
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Q: How does the sending of Jesus to us reflect the never-ending love of God?

Q: How has Jesus changed the finality of judgment and allowed us to be more righteous in the eyes of God?

Closing Prayer:

Father God, thank you for being Lord of our entire lives and allowing us to fully rely on you. We need the Gospel and the salvation that it has given us. We see the reality of human sin and how broken the world is. You are merciful and have the power to save us. Please strengthen our faith and guide us to look to you in all things. Amen.