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COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTION ONLY

Romans | Season 1, Ep. 5 | 1:24-32

Monday, April 13 - Sunday, April 19 (Week 11)

This week, Pastor Mike wrapped up Romans chapter 1 by explaining what God's present-day wrath actually looks like: God "gives people up" to the sin they've already chosen. When people persistently reject God and exchange His glory for idols, God removes His restraint and hands them over to the consequences of their choices. Paul identifies two categories of sin: the desecration of the body (particularly sexual sin) and the desecration of the mind (leading to all the other sins listed at the end of the chapter).

Here's the key connection: When a culture rejects the God of the Bible, it will inevitably treat human life and the body as less than sacred. We are made in God's image. Reject Him, and you'll desecrate anything made in His image. This explains our culture's view on abortion, pornography, sexuality, and gender.

Paul highlights homosexuality not because it's worse than other sins, but because it uniquely illustrates the deeper problem we all share: exchanging what God designed for something contrary to His design mirrors the wicked exchange of worshiping creation instead of the Creator.

Pastor Mike was clear: When it comes to sexual sin and lust, none of us are clean. We've all defiled our bodies and minds in some way.

The good news? God hasn't given up on anyone. The sermon ended with Romans 12:1-2, a call to consecrate our bodies and minds to God as living sacrifices. No matter what you're guilty of, you can recommit your life to Jesus and find true freedom.

QUESTION #1 - Pastor Mike explained that God's present-day wrath looks like "giving people up" to their sin. What does this mean, and how is it different from God forcing people to sin?

QUESTION #2 - Pastor Mike said, "How you view God determines how you view human life, the body, sex, marriage, and everything related." When have you seen this play out in your own life, where your view of God shaped your decisions about your body or relationships?

QUESTION #3 - Paul lists many sins in verses 29-31 (envy, gossip, disobedience to parents, etc.) alongside homosexuality. Why do you think we often treat sexual sins differently than other sins? Have you struggled with condemning one type of sin while excusing another in your own life?





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QUESTION #4 - Pastor Mike mentioned that some in our church face pressure from friends, coworkers, schools, or even employers to compromise their Christian convictions. Have you faced this kind of pressure? How did you respond, or how are you currently navigating it?

QUESTION #5 - The sermon reminds us there's hope for anyone, even those who seem to have been "given over" to sin. Is there someone in your life (family member, friend, coworker) who seems far from God right now? How does this message give you hope for them?

