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COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTION ONLY

Romans | Season 2, Ep. 4 | 2:17-24 | The Weight of Glory

Monday, May 11 - Sunday, May 17 (Week 15)

This week, Pastor Mike preached from Romans 2:17-24, where Paul addresses highly religious people who knew the right things, said the right things, and even taught others, but weren't living it out themselves. They were hypocrites. But Paul says the real problem wasn't just their hypocrisy. The real problem was what their inconsistent lives said about God. Their actions were causing God's name to be blasphemed and dishonored among unbelievers.

Pastor Mike reminded us that God's "name" in Scripture isn't just a title but it represents His character, His glory, who He is. And God has entrusted us with His name. We carry it everywhere we go. There is no greater calling and no heavier responsibility than representing the name of Jesus to the world.

The core question was this: *Does the name of Christ bear any weight on your soul, or does it feel as light as a cheap balloon?*

When Christ's name feels weightless in our lives, we compartmentalize. We live one way at church, another way at work, another way online. We tolerate inconsistency. But when His name feels heavy, when we're aware we're carrying His glory, we become vigilant about bringing every area of our lives into alignment with what we believe.

Pastor Mike gave us three weighty realities to gaze at to restore the weight of God's glory in our lives:

1. **The character of Christ:** the only man who perfectly lived what He preached
2. **The horrors of hell:** revealing how seriously God takes the dishonoring of His name
3. **The sacrifice of the Son of God:** Jesus stayed on the cross to absorb God's wrath for us because His love burned deeper than His suffering

The challenge was clear: *This world isn't looking for Christians who just believe or say the right things. They're looking for Christians whose lives are a consistent, living testimony of the message they preach.*

The call is to live with integrity under the weight of Christ's glory, not perfectly, but consistently surrendering new areas of our lives to Jesus every single day.



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QUESTION #1 - In the sermon, Pastor Mike said, *"The reason we live inconsistent lives is because His name has lost its weight."* Where in your life do you most struggle with the gap between what you believe/say and how you actually live?

QUESTION #2 - Pastor Mike asked: *"Does the name of Christ bear any weight on your soul, or does it feel as light as a cheap balloon?"* Be honest: when does Christ's name feel weightless in your life? What circumstances, emotions, or situations cause you to "forget" you're carrying His name?

QUESTION #3 - We compartmentalize our lives because we're afraid of different areas colliding. We don't want coworkers to see our home life, or church friends to see our work life, etc. Why do you think we do this? What are we actually afraid of?

QUESTION #4 - Pastor Mike gave three "weighty realities" to gaze at: the character of Christ, the horrors of hell, and the sacrifice of the Son of God. Which of these three do you find yourself thinking about least? Why do you think that is?

