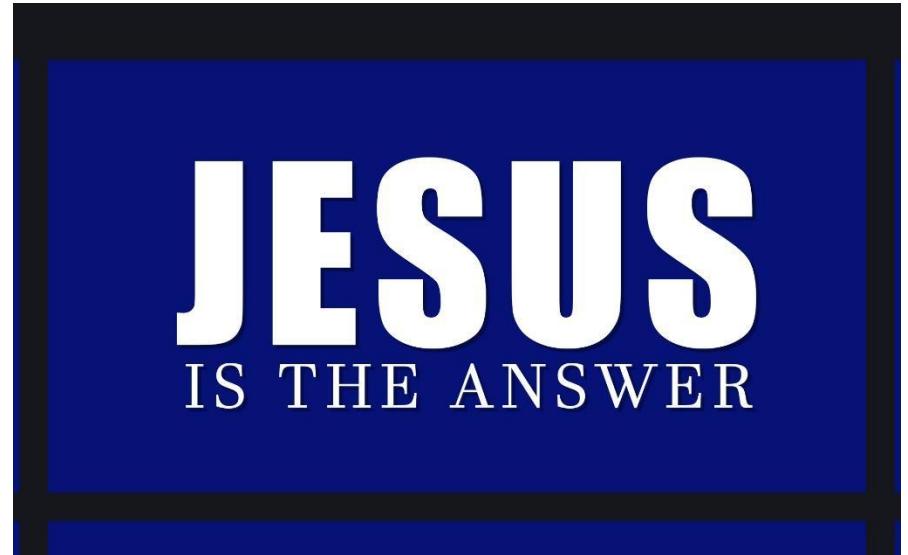


Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Do you think people in our society today are OK with the idea of a God who judges? Are you? Why or why not?
2. Kory said that the center of morality has shifted from a good and holy God to a healthy, psychologically well-adjusted individual. What evidence do you see of this? What is the result?
3. Why does it matter that the opposite of love is not anger, but indifference?
4. Do think believing in a God of judgment makes people more judgmental? Why or why not?
5. Why is grace a better motivator for change? Have you experienced this personally?



Is God Love or Judge?

We live in a society that believes God is _____ and just wants us to be _____.

Response:

What is God saying to me today?

How will I respond?

Could our cultural _____ distort our view of God?

Does the Bible say that God is love or judge? _____!

Scripture: Romans 2:1-16

The _____ Christians believed they were spiritually superior to the _____ Christians.

Paul says that sin begins with _____.

- In the Biblical story _____ created humans.
- In the story of idols _____ create gods.

God created the world _____: Everything works the way it is intended and according to its purpose.

- Adam and Eve wanted to be their own _____.
- Today, “good” isn’t determined by a transcendent order, but on the _____ and _____ of individuals

The center of morality today has shifted from a good and holy _____, to a healthy, well-adjusted _____.

People today are not against judgment, it’s just that what is worthy of judgment has _____.

The Wrath of God

The opposite of love is not _____, it is _____.

God is angry at sin and injustice because it destroys the integrity of his _____ and harms the _____ he loves.

Does believing in a God who judges make people more _____?

According to Paul the _____ is true!

It takes belief in a God who judges to be able to let go of our need to judge.

- God doesn’t just see _____ sin, he sees _____!

The best motivator for change is _____. (Romans 2:6)

The only way we can feel justified in condemning others is to conveniently forget our own _____.

While we all deserve _____, through Jesus Christ we can instead receive _____.

Jesus enables us to not live in _____ of punishment, but out of _____ for God’s kindness toward us.