

Romans: Living and Breathing the Gospel
The Wrath of God
Romans 1:18-32

1. What is the “wrath” of God? What does it have to do with the gospel? Are there parts of God’s character that are difficult for you to understand and explain? Why?
2. What has God shown to us about his nature? How has God revealed that to us? What questions does that raise for you?
3. What is our core problem? How might Paul’s Jewish and Greek audience have understood this? In what ways do we today “exchange the glory of the immortal God” for something created? What are some of your own idols?
4. What are the sins that Paul lists in the passage? What is your response to the list? What conclusions can you make about who God is based on the list? (Note: For a thoughtful and current treatment of the Bible’s teaching on sexuality, read Preston Sprinkle’s *People to be Loved* and Rebecca McLaughlin’s *Confronting Christianity*.)
5. How does this passage help you understand and appreciate the gospel?
6. How does this passage convict, challenge, and comfort you?
7. Continue to think about thriving in the new year. What step will you take in each of the following areas?
 - **Live and breathe the gospel**—What environments will you commit to in the new year to grow?
 - **Love your church family**—How will you use what you have been given to build up our church?
 - **Lead a friend to Jesus**—Who are you praying for? How will you become a better listener and make time for spiritual conversations? What risks do you need to take?

Jesus,

Help me to understand the truths of your gospel, grow closer to you in my daily experience with you, and share your message of hope with _____. Please give me what I need to take my next step.