

Thornbury Baptist Church
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Talk title: It is Finished: the end of God's wrath

Passage: Romans 5:6-10

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Discussion Questions

1. When you think of God's wrath, what thoughts and images come to mind?
2. The pastor, theologian and author John Stott described God's wrath as "his righteous reaction to evil, his implacable hostility to it, his refusal to condone it, and his judgment upon it". Does this definition reinforce or conflict with the thoughts of the group in answer to question 1?
3. In what ways is God's wrath a good thing?
4. How is God's wrath provoked according to Ephesians 2:1-3 and 5:3-6?
5. The Bible tells us that God experiences wrath, but that he IS love (1 John 4:8). How do we understand God's wrath as an expression of his love? (Have any parents ever felt a 'righteous reaction' to their children's behaviour, whilst still loving the child? Does that image help answer the question?). Does God's self-revelation to Moses in Exodus 34:6-7 help answer the question?
6. What do the following verses tell us about the way in which God's wrath is averted (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:3-5; 1 John 2:1-2)?
7. What is the *result* of God's wrath being satisfied by Jesus taking it on himself on the cross? See Romans 5:1; 8:1.
8. How do you respond to Jesus' warning words in John 3:36?
9. Imagine you were supporting a new Christian, and they have just come across the idea of God's wrath as they read their Bible. In the light of your discussion, how would you help them understand it?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

Spend time praying with one another in the light of your discussion.