

Care Group Study Questions

Right or Wrong – How do we decide??

Romans 1:18-32

History (Making It Personal)

1. What have you experienced in your world about people's opinions on right and wrong – good and evil – morals, ethics, etc. Is there agreement on how one decides?
2. Take some time to discuss the following synopsis taken from the book *“Relativism – Firmly Planted in Mid-Air”* where the authors present what they call the **“7 fatal flaws of relativism”**
 - I. Relativists can't accuse others of wrongdoing.
There is no ultimate standard to judge right or wrong
 - II. Relativists can't complain about the problem of evil
“There is no true evil to discuss, only differing opinions about what is pleasant or unpleasant, desired or not desired.”
 - III. Relativists can't place blame or accept praise
“...praise and blame are meaningless, because no external standard of measurement defines what should be applauded or condemned.”
 - IV. Relativists can't make charges of unfairness or injustice.
 - V. Relativists can't improve their morality
Improvement would suggest an ability to judge according to some set standard
 - VI. Relativists can't hold meaningful moral discussions
What's there to talk about if morals are entirely relative and all views are equal...
 - VII. Relativists can't promote the obligation of tolerance
If there are no objective moral rules, however, there can be no rule that requires tolerance as a moral principle....
3. Consider the following quote – how do you understand it:
“When truth dies, all of its subspecies, such as ethics, perish with it. Ethics become relative, right and wrong matters of individual opinion....when we abandon the idea that one set of laws applies to every human being, all that remains is subjective, personal opinion.”

Digging Deeper (Looking to the Bible)

4. Re-read Romans 1:18-32 and talk about the reality of God revealing Himself to all people. Consider Psalm 19:1-4 and Acts 17:22-29. How has God revealed Himself today?
5. Read Judges 21:25; Isaiah 1:3-4; 5:20; Jeremiah 2:13 and talk about the reality of a culture that walks away from God.
6. Consider Jesus revelation in John 1:14 & 17. Talk about the concept of grace and truth being coupled together. What are the implications?
7. Finally, talk about the “God gave the over(s)” of Romans 1. What do you think the implications of God taking His hand away are for our culture. Consider also Psalm 33:12.

Taking It Home (Application)

Talk for a few moments about HOW we are to present the truth to our culture. What is it that has gotten Christian's in trouble and gained us the labels of “right-wing extremists”?

Why are we sometimes known more for what we are against than for what we are for?

How should we go about presenting the truth of God's Word?

Pray for wisdom as you interact in a culture that no longer values absolutes.