

What's Wrong with the World...and with Us?

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WARM UP

What is your favorite donut? What makes it so good?

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Parent Commissioning Class Sundays, October 8–22, 9:00 a.m., DC203. Culminates in a public dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 29. Learn more and register at GracePolaris.org/Parents.

GraceKIDS Christmas Choir Rehearsal Sundays, October 8–December 9. Performance on December 9. Register at GracePolaris.org/KidsChoir.

Aspire 2017 Tour Sunday, October 8, 5:00 p.m., WC auditorium. All women are invited. \$25 general admission or \$35 VIP tickets are available Grace Bookstore & Café ticket office. Learn more at GracePolaris.org/Aspire.

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Bad news is hard to take, but it "goes down" easier when there is good news attached to it. Share a personal example.
- 2 The wrath of God is not a popular concept. For many people, including some professing believers, it is inconceivable. Why is it important that we not dismiss the wrath of God in our understanding of Him? Why could that even be a good thing?
- 3 Romans 1:18 describes humanity — including each one of us — as ungodly and unrighteous on our own. Is Paul exaggerating or just referring to everyone else? Based on your life's observation and experience, how does this ring true?
- 4 The "obviousness" of God is taught in Romans 1:19,20. What, if anything, makes those verses difficult for you to accept?
- 5 Human beings are a conundrum: both dignified (created in God's image) and depraved (inclined to sin and rebellion). Total depravity means not that we are as bad as we can be, but that we are stained by sin in every aspect of our being. How does Romans 1:21–23 affirm that diagnosis?
- 6 If Romans 1:18–23 is the verdict about us on our own, how is Romans 1:17,18 such good news as the answer to our condition? If you are saved, what do you understand about the Gospel now that perhaps you didn't when you first trusted Christ?
- 7 Bad news can be helpful if it's true and if it comes with good news. Explain this in your own words. Who needs to hear this truth from you?

PRAY

Ask God to help you understand more of how **great** the **good news** really is.