



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “God is ...”**

### **Complement to sermon on July 17 – “The Perfect Parent”**

#### **MEMORIZE – Exodus 3:14**

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

#### **READ Romans 2:1-13**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Go back and read again *Romans 1:18-20*. What do these verses say about God’s wrath?
  - a. What makes God angry?
  - b. What is the “truth” that is being suppressed by those who don’t believe?
  - c. In what ways is the truth about the gospel of Jesus Christ being “suppressed” in our world and in my life?
4. Read John 3:31-36. What do these verses teach us about Jesus and about God’s wrath? What does vs 36 say will happen to those who “reject” Jesus?
5. Read Romans 2:4 – In what ways does God’s kindness lead to repentance? What are the consequences of not accepting his kindness?
6. Read Romans 2:6-12. By what standards will God judge people in the final judgment? How do we bring together these standards with the main theme of Romans – justification by faith?

**Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):**

## Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Romans 2. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

### “Imagine Reversing Roles”

If you are doing this exercise together as a family, take some time to imagine reversing roles as parents and children. Ask the children to list the things they would do or not do as “perfect parents.” Parents, talk about growing up in your home. When you were young, which of your parents was more strict? Merciful? Consistent? If you were the parents when you were growing up, what would you have done differently? What would you have done the same? Conclude with a time of prayer thanking God for our family and for His perfect love and for His word which guides us into the right way of living for His glory.

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**Holy, Holy, Holy** – Mennonite Hymnal #5 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=In-km29p7Io> A wonderful hymn that reflects the glory and holiness of God in his greatness, love and mercy.

**In Christ Alone** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjR\\_A2pGPrY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjR_A2pGPrY)

A popular worship song that speaks of the wrath of God being satisfied by Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross for our sins.

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

### Sending prayer based on the lesson:

O Lord, we praise you for your merciful kindness and love. Thank you for the cross and for taking upon yourself our sins so that we could be made right with God. Psalm 30:5 says, “Your anger is but for a moment, and your favor is for a lifetime. May we live today in the favor of your redeeming love and offer our lives in your service so that others may know your love. In Jesus name, amen.