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BOTTOM LINE:

ASPECTS OF OUR CULTURE
WAR PRESENT THE RESULTS
OF WRATH NOT THE REASON
FOR IT.

KEY VERSES:

ROMANS 1:18-32;

2:1-16; 5:9; 11:22

ZEPHANIAH 1:18;

LAMENTATIONS 3:22;

HOSEA 11:9:

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17;

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
- 2. Looking back on this series, which of the five traits, peace, compassion, courage, humility and authority, are the most important for you to put into practice? Why?
 3. Garland writes, "The surprising thing about Paul's understanding of God's wrath in Romans is that the

immorality and the foolishness is the punishment, not simply the cause for punishment." How could this statement influence how we view what is happening in America right now?

- 4. Romans 1 suggests that God is at work in ways that we find difficult to fully comprehend. How have you seen God at work in your life in ways that have been difficult to comprehend?
- 5. In Romans 2 Paul does not challenge the duplicitous so much as the self-righteous. How big a problem is self-righteousness in the church in America in this season? Spend a moment praying for our family of churches.
- 6. Read Colossians 3:12 and Romans 2:4. Which of these traits do you need God to develop in you in this season?
 7. As we close this series, would you be willing to share with the group the name of one person with whom you have clashed over contentious issues? As a group, pray for the people you have mentioned and for yourselves. Be sure to share with the group how God has answered your prayers!

