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	_	PART 1
Passaş	ge 1: Genesis 1:26–28, 31	
Questi	ons to discuss:	
1.	What do we learn about hu	umanity in this passage?
2.	What responsibility does (God give to mankind?
3.	What does God think of al	I that He has made?
For fu	rther discussion:	
		a got in this passage?
4.	What picture of God do we	e get in uns passage!

Do you see the world as "very good"? Why/why not?
What do you think might be the implications of us being made "in God's image"?
If humanity is supposed to be "in charge" of the world (under God), what sort of job ar we doing, do you think?

Passage 2: Revelation 4:6–11 Questions to discuss:		
2.	What responses do you see in the passage to this God?	
3.	What does the creation owe to its creator?	
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For further discussion:

4. Do you believe that a king or a ruler can be truly good?

	The Bible presents God as both creator or all and ruler of all. What's the connection between these two ideas, do you think?	
6	What does God need from us?	
	What does dod need from us.	

Putting it together:

Summarize the key ideas of the two passages we read in PART 1.

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uestions to discuss:			
1.	What's your own reaction to the idea of God being the creator and ruler of the world?		
2.	Do you ever think of yourself as a "creation" (that is, as having been created by Someone)? How do you feel about this?		
3.	How do these passages compare with you experience of the world?		

		PART 2	
Passa	ge 1: Genesis 3:1–6		
Quest	ions to discuss:		
1.	How would you describe	e the serpent's strategy for persua	ding the woman to eat the fruit?
2.	What does the fruit symb	polize, do you think?	
3.	What does Eve (and Ada	am) hope to gain?	
For fu	rther discussion:		
4.	How would you summar	ize humanity's attitude toward G	od in this passage?

5.	Do you perceive this attitude towards God in your own life and heart? If so, how does it
	come out?

Passage	2:	Romans	1:18-	25
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uestions to discuss:		
What can all people everywhere know about God?		
On what basis can they know this?		
What do people do instead?		
What are the consequences?		

For further discussion:

5.	Can you think of ways in which people today worship and serve "created things rather than the Creator"?
6.	Do you notice any similarities between this passage and the one from Genesis 3 (about Adam and Eve and the serpent)?
7.	Do you think it's possible to be quite religious and yet still to be rebelling against God our creator?

Putting it together:

Summarize the key ideas of the two passages we read in PART 2.

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uesti	ons to discuss:
1.	What do you think is the root cause of the suffering and injustice in our world?
2.	Do you see yourself in either of these passages? How would you describe your own relationship with God (the creator and ruler)?
3.	What do you think God should do about humanity's rebellion against Him?

		PART 3	
Passaş	ge 1: Deuteronomy 29:16–20		
Questi	ions to discuss:		
1.	What attitudes and actions is	Moses warning against?	
2.	What will be the consequence	es for those who don't heed t	he warning?
For fu	rther discussion:		
3.	Do you think it is just and re Him?	asonable that God should pun	ish people for rebelling against
4.	Anger and zeal are not alway as getting angry and zealous.	vs good things in our experient. What's going on, do you thin	nce. But here God is described nk?

5. How do you think the anger of God might relate to the love of God?

Passage	2:	2	Thessalonia	ans	1:6-	-10
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Passage 2: 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10				
Questions to discuss:				
1. Who will be punished by whom?				
2. Why will they be punished?				
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3. When will this happen?				
4. What is the punishment?				

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For	further	disci	assion:

5.	In this passage it's the "Lord Jesus" who comes bringing punishment on those who oppose Him. How does this square with your picture of who Jesus is?
6.	"People today have a love-hate relationship with the idea of judgement." Do you think that's right? Why/why not?

Putting it together:

Summarize the key ideas of the two passages we read in PART 3.

Questions to discuss:

1. Given all that we've seen so far, what sort of problem does humanity face?

2. What's your reaction to the Bible's message about God's anger and judgement against those who rebel against Him?

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Passag	ge 1: Isaiah 53:3–6, 9–10		
Questi	ons to discuss:		
1.	What different words or in	nages does the passage use to d	escribe the problems we face?
2.	How would you summariz	ze God's plan for dealing with t	hese problems?
3.	What do we learn about th	e one who would suffer on beh	alf of the people?
For fu	rther discussion:		
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5. This is a very powerful and emotive passage. How does it make you feel?

Passage 2: 1 Peter 2:22–24; 3	5:18
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Questions to discuss:
1. Did Christ deserve to die?
2. Why then did He die?
3. What was achieved by Christ's death?

For further discussion:

4. According to this passage, how is it possible for people who don't measure up to God's standard ("unrighteous" people) to be able to measure up to it (to be "righteous")?

5. Why is it important or significant that Jesus "committed no sin"?

Putting it together:

Summarize the key ideas of the two passages we read in PART 4.

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1.	John Stott wrote: "The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for man." What do you think about this quote?
2.	What is the solution to humanity's biggest problem?
3.	What's your own reaction to the death of Jesus? What does it mean for your life?

		PART 5
Passa	ge 1: Acts 2:22–24, 36–38	}
Questi	ons to discuss:	
1.	What were the well-know	wn facts about Jesus' life and death
2.	What was God's involver	ment in Jesus dying and rising aga
3.	What does the resurrection	on of Jesus demonstrate?
For fu	ther discussion:	
4.	What do you think would	d have been the consequences if Je

5.	If Jesus has been made "Lord and Messiah," what does this mean for our world?
6.	If Jesus has been made "Lord and Messiah," what does this mean for us personally?

Passage 2: Acts 17:22–31

Questions to	discuss:
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1.	What is God's relationship to everyone in the world, regardless of their culture or religion?
2.	What new situation is Paul telling the Athenians about?
3.	What does Jesus' resurrection demonstrate?
	rther discussion: In our first passage, Peter's speech was to a Jewish audience (Acts 2). Here in our second passage, Paul is speaking to a very different audience of non-Jewish Greek in Athens.
	What do the two speeches have in common?

5.	What hope does Paul's speech offer for humanity?
6.	This passage is calling on all people everywhere to "repent." What's your reaction to that?

Putting it together:

Summarize the key ideas of the two passages we read in PART 5.

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uestions to discuss:				
1.	Do you think it matters whether Jesus rose from the dead or not?			
2.	What does the resurrection of Jesus mean for you personally?			
3.	How do you think your life would be different if you turned back to God?			

	_	PART 6	
Passa	ge 1: Matthew 6:24; 7:13–1	4, 24–27	
Questi	ions to discuss:		
1.	What do these three passag	ges have in common?	
2.	In the third passage, how words, and the two outcomes	would you summarize the two renes?	esponses to Jesus and His
For fu	orther discussion:		
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3.	What do you think it would	d mean to "serve" money?	
4.	What other "masters" do p	eople commonly serve today?	

5.	What sort of claim is Jesus making here about Himself and His words?
6.	To be "narrow" is usually not a good thing in our society. Can "narrow" ever be good?

Passage	2:	John	3:1	6-	-18,	36
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Questi	ons to discuss.
1.	Why did God send his son into the world?
2.	What do we learn about "the world" in this passage?
3.	How would you summarize the two possible responses to the Son of God?
For fu	rther discussion:
4.	When it says that the anger of God "remains" on certain people, why would it be on them in the first place?

5.	How would the message of this passage fit together with other parts of the Bible we've read so far (e.g. in parts 3 and 4)?
6.	What's the most surprising thing in this passage, do you think?
7.	What do you think it would mean to trust and rely on ("believe in") the Son?

Putting it together:

Summarize the key ideas of the two passages we read in PART 6.

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nestions to discuss:					
1.	The Bible presents us with a pretty stark choice between two ways of living—basically God's way or our way. Which way do you want to live?				
2.	Which way do you live now?				
3.	How would living God's way change your life?				