

EVERY TRACK EVERY WEEK

WEEK 9: Leader Study Guide

My Just Wrath Spent on Christ

-Welcome!

-Intro: Thanks for being here! Revisit last week's points

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INTRO:

Hi, and welcome to Every Track Every Week. My name is _____ and I am involved with Texas FCA Motocross through _____. I've been involved with FCA MX for ____ years and my favorite thing about the ministry is _____.

This week's discussion is based upon episode #7 of our podcast "The Gospel Driven Athlete", titled "My Just Wrath Spent on Christ"

Have you ever broken a rule and justice was served? In other words, did you get what you deserved? We have all broken the good rules and laws that God has set for us to follow. The truth of the matter is, we cannot fulfill all of these laws perfectly, and consequently, we stand condemned and liable for our inability to meet God's requirements. We deserve the punishment that the Creator God has specified. That's the bad news... but it doesn't end there. This week we are going to dive deeper into the scandalously good news of the gospel that tells us that while God is completely just, and we are completely deserving of punishment for our inability to keep the law, Christ fulfilled these laws for us on our behalf and took our punishment in our place.

-Ice Breaker Question: *Have you ever cheated in a race? Did you get away with it? Or, did you get busted and suffer a penalty? Was justice served?*

-Question 1: **Everywhere we go we have rules, and if we break the rules we get in trouble. Is this Just? Or to say it another way, is this right? Or should we just be able to do whatever we want?**

***Answer:**

1) Rules are in place for our protection. For example, Parents give rules



because they love us and don't want us to get hurt...

2) 1 Tim. 1:8- Now we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully.

3) Deuteronomy 16:19- You shall not pervert Justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a Bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous.

-Question 2: We know that the law is good, that it is there for our protection, but we already covered the fact that we cannot be perfect (that we cannot FULLY keep the law), so do we just wait to be punished for not being able to fulfill the righteous requirement that God places on us?

***ANSWER:**

1) The law is good, it was given to impart wisdom and protect us. If we simply follow The Law we would produce a pretty good life. It would keep us from a lot of mistakes and set us up to be pretty successful in our lives. But we haven't kept the law, so is God's Justice coming for us? Well, God's justice cannot be ignored or undone. He is Just. It is part of who He is, so he cannot simply stop being Just.

2) He cannot freely forgive and simply ignore justice. He would not be just, if He did this.

3) We are imperfect people, so we can simply choose between serving justice or ignoring the wrong doing. As a parent, sometimes I let my kids get away with something simply because I don't want to punish them or I justify it because it wasn't a big deal. But I do this because I am imperfect and I am showing partiality. God doesn't work this way. He is perfect. He cannot ignore part of who he is.

4) Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

5) Numbers 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Question 3: What do we do then....Should we be afraid of God's justice? Should we be afraid that we are going to be struck by lightning or something?

***ANSWER:**

1) I don't think we have to worry about getting struck by lightning for breaking a rule. God's not up there looking for someone to smack down.



God is a Gracious God. He loves mercy and grace. He is looking for lost sheep...for people who don't know him to turn to him in repentance and believe in Jesus Christ our Savior. God cannot ignore Justice. But because of the cross Justice has been served.

2) If someone goes to jail for breaking the law. Once he serves his time, justice has been served, and he is no longer under conviction of the crime...Justice has been completely met. The bible says that if you are in Christ you have been crucified with Christ. That your sins were placed on Jesus' shoulders and He FULLY took the punishment....He FULLY satisfied Justice on the cross. So you see, God is not choosing to ignore our failures, the times we broke the law. Jesus stepped in and took our place.

3) Galatians 2:20- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I know live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

4) Isaiah 30:18- Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of Justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

-Question 4: God's Justice is satisfied by Jesus on the Cross, but how does that change when I break a law again? What about people who don't know Jesus?

ANSWER:

1)Thankfully, when we are in Christ, he never kicks us out of "the club." Once you put your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are adopted into God's family and Kingdom. You cannot lose this.

2) God's Mercy is new every morning. And God's mercy is extended to the rest of the world. It's because of God's Grace that he hasn't enacted his Judgment yet. The Bible teaches that Jesus is coming back. And it's at that time, the end of the world, that we will all stand before God to face Judgment and it's at that time that his Justice will be completed on everyone. We read 2 Thess. 1:6-9.....this is talking about when Jesus comes back. He will judge the world and everyone who rejected the Gospel of Jesus Christ will face punishment.

3) Sometimes we hear Christians say that they can't wait for Jesus to come back. We should definitely look forward to that day.... To meet our Savior face to face, but it's because of God's Mercy that he hasn't come back yet. The Lord wants everyone to be saved, and maybe that should be our heart as well.

4)He doesn't want to punish his creation....He loves his creation. But as



we previously discussed, God cannot stop being God. He cannot change who he is and he cannot ignore sin.

5) Lamen. 3:22-23 - The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

6) Rom 8:16 - The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if Children, then heirs-heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

-Question 5: How should these facts inform our actions and our lives?

ANSWER:

1) Everything points to Christ on the Cross and His resurrection. We should be thankful for the mercy that God gives so that the lost can be saved.

2) We should be thankful for the grace and mercy that has given us the Gospel and the opportunity become a child of God.

3) We should be thankful that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.- Romans 5:8. Remember that no one chooses the family he is born into and that everyone is loved by God. Love Justice and look out for the weak, the poor, the orphan, and the widow.

4) This should drive us to love people and be available to the Lord that he may use us to further His kingdom and draw lost people into His truth and into His family.

5) But most of all, this should drive us to love God and let him lead us. As we learn to love God and pursue Him, He will show us himself and the joy and peace that surpasses understanding. He has given us a purpose and will give us satisfaction unlike anything or anyone else can. The more we learn about the person and work of Jesus, the more we love Him because he is God, not for what we hope to get out of Him. And as we continually learn to do this, He gives us more than we could ever imagine...He gives us more of Himself.

-Lets pray.

