

What I Think About God – Week 5 – 6-16-24 – Pastor Guy

1. Have you ever been in a courtroom?
2. Do you think of God as judgy?
3. Where do you think that people get the idea that God is judgy?

John 9:1-2 - As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

John 9:34 - To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

4. Why do you think that we tend to think that our problems are the result of our sin?
5. Have you ever thought that you were facing judgement or punishment from God for things you had done?
6. What's the difference between consequences of sin and punishment for sin?

John 9:39 - Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

7. Jesus condemns the Pharisees as blind, while having mercy on the blind man and giving him sight. Whom does Jesus judge while on the earth?
8. Whom does Jesus show compassion and mercy towards?

Romans 2:4b - God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance

2 Peter 3:9b - he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

9. How does it make you feel to know that God is patient and kind with us?
10. If God doesn't judge us, why do we still suffer from bad things?
11. How would you describe the law of sowing and reaping?

1 John 1:8-10 - If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

John 3:16-18 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

12. What do these verses tell us about God's desire to judge and condemn versus forgive and make us righteous?
13. When have you experienced God's grace and compassion when you didn't deserve it?
14. When have you suffered the consequences of sin?
15. What we believe about God will influence our relationship with Him. What do you think that God wants you to understand and believe about Him?
16. What can you do today to improve your relationship with God?
17. What can you do this week to help someone else improve their relationship with God?