

LIFE Group Guide

Dismissing God

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THE ORCHARD

Read: Romans 1:16-20

Outline:

Week 1: Barrier – A bad reputation requires a credible witness of contrasting Christlike character.

Week 2: Barrier – A misunderstood faith requires a prepared witness presenting clear testimony with gentleness and respect.

Week 3: Barriers – Dismissing God and his case against humanity.

- Offer an **incredible Gospel plea**
 - Unashamed (vs. 16a)
 - Gospel presentation (vs. 16b)
 - Powerful conviction (vs. 16 c)

 - God's righteous revelation (vs. 17a)
 - Presentation from faith (vs. 17b)
 - Reception by faith (vs. 17c)
- Guilty humans attempt to **escape conviction**
 - Motion to reduce or deny charges (vs. 18a)
 - Motion to suppress truth (vs.18b)
- - Motion to dismiss evidence (vs.19)
 - Motion to excuse themselves (vs. 20)

Discussion Questions

1. What was something from the passage/message that led you to think, feel, or act biblically?
2. How does this passage connect with our lives today?
3. How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?
4. What truth about God and His gospel will motivate your application this week?
5. Based on this message/passage what practical steps can you take to be more Christlike?