

Lesson 0436A

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Introduction: God's Goodness Expressed Through Perfect Judgment Jesus took the judgment that mankind deserved so we could step into the freedom He deserved. Blessing on an unsanctified life crushes it; blessing on a sanctified life establishes it. A massive revival to the nations could come because of the blessing of God on His people. Gifts are free; maturity is expensive. When God brings discipline, it's always from His love and compassion.

Discussion 1: The goal of today's session is to have an accurate, New Covenant perspective on the judgment of God. It reveals His holiness and also is a key method for maturing His people. It's important, however, for the believer not to fear judgment but embrace it. God disciplines not to put you down, but to call you higher. He speaks His cleansing word to you, just as Jesus spoke His word to the disciples, and calls you into new places of maturity so you can be a fit carrier of the manifest goodness of God.

Judgment begins in the house of the Lord for a reason – if it started in the world, it would be condemnation, because those without Christ would be judged as lost. It begins among the community of God's people not to condemn or punish, but to invite you to be a fit vessel to carry a measure of God's blessing that is so outstanding that the on-looking world sees it and takes notice.

“All of God's judgments are aimed at whatever interferes with love.” - Mike Bickle

Drill Down 1:

- How do you understand the quote from Mike Bickle?

- How are God's judgments aimed at what interferes with His love?

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Discussion 2: “Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die... and not that he should turn from his ways and live?” Ezekiel 18:23 “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

Drill Down 2:

- Reflect on the Scripture verses above. How do passages like these reveal God’s heart that none should be condemned?

Discussion 3: Read Psalm 67:1-2 (recommend NIV)

Drill Down 3:

- Select three men from among the other program participants at New Name outside of your home and pray them individually based on the Scripture verse above.
 - Pray for God’s blessing to overwhelm each person and be visible on their lives.
 - Pray for God’s blessing to be demonstrated on households, businesses (employers), and communities.
 - Pray that each person would respond to the invitation of God’s discipline and recognize how He disciplines His people today.
 - Pray for an outpouring of God’s goodness on His people so that nations would be drawn to Jesus and find salvation.

Write down the names of the three (3) men you prayed for:

1.

2.

3.

Post Lesson Instructions: Seek out ways to be a carrier of His goodness to every life that crosses your path.