



## Discussion Guide for “Wrath + Atonement”

### *Church Words With Friends Week 3*

Is God angry at us? Did Jesus pacify a raging deity? Why did God kill his son rather than us? This week, we're diving into God's Wrath and the Atonement because we've got it all wrong. God's wrath is about love (yes, really) and the cross isn't about Jesus vs God, but Jesus vs. us.

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Romans 1:18-24](#)

[Genesis 7:11](#)

[Hebrews 10:19-25](#)

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Hebrews 10:19-25](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Do you think of God as angry? Discuss
2. According to Romans 1, what does God's wrath look like? Is that how you usually think of God's wrath?
3. JR. used the Flood as an example of God 'giving us what we think we want'. Was this reading of the Flood surprising to you? How does it challenge your understanding of an angry God?
4. Has there been a time you've had to stand back and let someone experience the consequences of their actions? Did your choice to stand back make you less loving? Explain.
5. The author of Hebrews insists that the cross enables us to approach God. Howso? How is the Cross evidence of God's wrath? How is that good news?
6. Has this discussion changed your posture toward God? Howso?