

What In Our World Is Going On: Week 2 - Every Issues Front

## INTRODUCTION

You can't turn on the news most days without becoming aware that things aren't going so well in the world nor are they right here in the good ole USA. With all the issues we face as a nation and in this world, the solution never changes... When we submit to what we know is right instead of what we want, we get forgiveness and healing on every front.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Has there been a time recently where you knew what the right thing to do was but you wanted to do something else instead? Did this cause you any conflict? What did you do to resolve it?
- 2. What are some truths you consider to be self-evident (in everyone's conscience and common understanding)? Are there any just listed by this group where you have personally ignored at one time or another in your life? If you can remember such a time please share the outcome.
- 3. Everyone in the group read Romans 2:1-11 by yourself. Count to yourself how many times Paul uses the personal pronouns "You", "Yours" or "Yourself". Share with the group the number you came up. What point do you feel Paul is trying to make here?
- 4. In the message, Jon said; "When we complain about the issues in this nation and around this globe, which we now know are the results of people choosing what they want instead of what they know is true and right; and we ourselves have areas of our own life where we know what is right but are choosing what we want instead... We are partly the cause of the very issues we are complaining about!" Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- 5. With all the issues we face as a nation and in this world, in the message Jon said the solution never changes..."When we submit to what we know is right instead of what we want, we get forgiveness and healing on every front". Is there anything in your life where you are struggling to submit to what you know is right? How can this group help you navigate this?

## **MOVING FORWARD**

Romans 2:1-11 teaches us that it is up to us as individuals to do the next right thing in the next right way. This is the only thing that will bring forgiveness and healing on every issues front we face as a nation and in this world. Strength and power is found in submitting to God's way rather than our own. This submission is meant to come from a better understanding of how kind, good, patient, and loving God truly is. Let's make it a habit to daily seek out a better understanding of how kind, good, patient, and loving God is towards us and allow that better understanding to lead us into a greater submission to His will and way in our life.

## **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

2 Chronicles 7:14 (TNIV)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.