# **Engaging Culture with the Character of God** 9 AM Bible Study, Jan – Mar 2024

## **Class Purpose Statement:**

This class aims to equip people to consistently interpret culture through the lens of God's character so they can be ambassadors for God, influencing those around them with God's heart.

# Week 2: Is there such a thing as objective, moral truth?

#### 1. Information

a. Review the following passages at your tables that you studied last week. As you do, discuss what these passages tell you about God's character, what they tell you about objective moral truth, and what they tell you about humanity. You can use this space for notes from your discussion and ideas from other tables.

#### Passages: Romans 1, Romans 2:12–15, Ephesians 4:20–24, and Matthew 5:43-48

- i. What do these passages teach us about God's character?
- ii. What do these passages teach us about humanity?
- iii. What do these passages teach us about objective moral truth?

## 2. Understanding

#### Characteristic(s) of God:

- i. Holiness -
- ii. Righteousness -

How do these characteristics of God give clarity to answering the question, "Is there such a thing as objective moral truth?"

Can you explain what our culture believes about objective moral truth?

## 3. Application

**Remember:** This class aims to equip us to consistently interpret culture through the lens of God's character so we can be ambassadors for God, influencing those around us with God's heart.

How do we engage the culture around us with God's heart?

- **a.** It is always better for everyone that there is objective moral truth. Everyone bases their life on this premise, the difference being that some don't admit/acknowledge they do.
- **b.** Our premise is that God always has a better alternative to whatever culture wants to pursue. What He invites us into is of far greater value (now & eternally) than any of the 'cunning and craftiness of <culture> in their deceitful scheming".

Assignment: Read <u>Genesis 1:1 - 2:7</u>, John 3:1-8, <u>1 Thessalonians 5:23</u>, <u>Hebrews 4:12</u>, <u>John 4:24</u>, <u>Job 10:8-12</u>, and <u>Job 34:14-15</u>.
What do you observe about God's Character in these passages?

