

Discussion Guide for God on Trial

1. Read John 18:12-24 and briefly review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: From the beginning, Christians have been mistreated and abused and yet have continued to bear strong witness to the supremacy of Christ and the truth of Christianity. They have seen this success by following the Biblical principles described in Romans 12.

Read Romans 12:17-21

How is the person abuser described in this passage?

What is the prescribed response to our abuser? How does this sit with you?

What is the scale-balancing reality in v.19? Is that enough for you?

In what types of situations are you most tempted to take vengeance into your own hands?

Read Romans 12:9-17

With vengeance off the table, what are the tools described for helping the abused?

How are these actions more helpful than vengeance?

Read Romans 13:1-4

How does this passage expand our options for dealing with injustice and abuse?

How do we see this tool used by the Apostles in the book of Acts?