

(1) When people have asked you the question, “Will those who die without ever hearing the name of Jesus be condemned,” how did you answer them? And why? If they will be condemned, on what basis is their judgment?

(2) What are some of the ways in which God’s wrath against sin and ungodliness is being revealed even at the present time? Give answers that go beyond the few examples that were cited in the sermon.

(3) Paul repeatedly emphasizes that all people know there is a God and certain things about his nature. Reflect on and then discuss these phrases: “suppress the truth” (v. 18), “what can be known about God is plain to them” (v. 19), “God has shown it to them” (v. 19), “clearly perceived” (v. 20), “although they knew God” (v. 21). What do these statements do to the argument of the so-called atheist who says: “I don’t believe God exists; there isn’t enough evidence”?

(4) What are the implications of Paul’s conclusion, “So they are without excuse” (v. 20)?

(5) How does this passage affect the way you interact with unbelievers and the way you choose to present the gospel to them?