

Wrestling with Romans  
Romans 1:18-32  
Discussion Guide, February 14, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

- Romans 1:17

- Did you have any “gospel sharing” moments this past week? Who did you pray for to be receptive to the gospel?

**OPEN:**

- What causes you to stand in awe of God and say something like “how can anyone deny that there is a Creator”? (mountains, vast waters, gardening, human design etc...)
  - o Do you think these are ways God has intentionally left his fingerprints for people to see?

**READ and ASK: Romans 1:18-32**

- What are some things in nature that you have seen that confirm to you that God exists?
- What do you see as the main point of this passage?
- What Old Testament text does Paul likely have in mind as he pens these words?
  - o This may be the most descriptive passage in the Bible on the “fall of mankind.” What did mankind do when given the “truth” about God (vs 18)?
  - o Does this still happen today? What does it look like?
- What happens to the hearts and minds of people who reject God?
- What does God do in response to those who suppress the truth of Him (aka reject him)?
  - o What does that mean?

- L.A. Motts, referring to this phrase (vs 24,26 28), says, "sin is punished with sin, being allowed to run its course and reach its natural end." How does that shed light on your own understanding of "God gave them over"?
- Why do you think Paul started with homosexuality in referring thinking that had become futile? (think Genesis 1-3)
- When thoughts of God are pushed out, what evil attitudes and actions replace them? (is anyone in this group immune to them?)
  - In what ways is our thinking futile and our mind darkened?
  - How do people today tend to worship created things rather than the Creator?
- How do you tend to view God- as a God of love or anger? Why? How do you tend to view mankind - as generally good or bad? Why?
  - How do we reconcile God's wrath with God's love?

### **APPLY:**

- In light of everything in this passage, how does God want us to respond to Him?
- In what ways can you lessen your dependance on the things you are tempted to "worship" and serve more than God?
- Who among your friends is caught in this trap of rejecting God and needs your prayers of intercession this week?
- NEXT STEP: How can you glorify God and give thanks to Him this week?

### Memory Work:

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. - Romans 1:20