

Romans 1:18-32

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Romans 1:18-2:3

1. Why does Paul say that his audience cannot judge others?
2. What is the wrath of God? Why is it important?
3. Verse 20: how has this been the case? How do you perceive God in the world around you?
4. How do we give away the worship we owe the creator to the creation instead?
5. “What we worship affects how we think. How we think affects how we act.” How is this true in your life?
6. What does this mean about what we worship? How do we make sure that nothing takes the place of God in our worship?
7. Verses 23-27: what “exchanges” have been made here? Why might people have done this?
8. “If you want to use this passage as evidence to say that gays or lesbians in a loving, committed, monogamous, consensual sexual relationship is wrong, that’s fine, as long as you are sure that’s what’s Paul intended, and that’s what the early Christian Roman gentiles heard.” What do you think of this statement? Why might Paul have meant something slightly different?
9. What does it mean that “God gave them up”? Why would he do this?
10. What does Paul mean when he uses the words “natural” and “unnatural”?
11. Verses 29-31: which words apply to you? What can be done to change this?
12. Why is the motivation behind the action count for so much? Why is it so important?
13. Why does Paul insist that the Christians in Rome not judge each other? Why might they need to be told this?
14. What does judging others achieve? Why did Jesus warn against it? Why does Paul warn also against it?

Prayer points:

- Pray for a greater ability to offer everything in worship to God.
- Pray for God to help you with what you have identified from verses 29-31.