

Sermon Discussion Guide

"Our Wants Direct Our Ways"
Romans 1:24-32

1.) We sin when we worship and value anything else in the place of God. We value what God has made and what God has given (creation) more than valuing God himself (Creator). The Bible calls this idolatry. Let's try to identify some of these things.

- What do you value most in your life right now?
- What do you want most in your life right now?
- What things do you feel like you can not live joyfully without them?
- What things in your life make you feel anxious, stressed, angry, discontent, out of control, or in control?

2.) Everyone's sexuality is broken and in need of a Savior. Often times, we find identity and pleasure in our sexual expression. Sexual desires and expressions become idols that control us and enslave us. However, sex does not provide ultimate fulfillment.

- Are there any ways in which you are struggling with sexual sin?
- What makes it hard for you to deny your sinful sexual desires?
- What helps your deny your sinful sexual desires in order to honor and follow God?

3.) Our desires are not always right. Sometimes, our desires lead us to dangerous places. Our desires can end up causing us to hurt ourselves and hurt others. Because of this, we need our desires to be evaluated.

- How do you typically decide whether your desires are right or wrong?
- How do you know whether your desires are sinful or whether they are what God's wants?

Additional Verses

Proverbs 14:12, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 6:33, Luke 10:27