LifeGroup Study Sheet

January 29th and Feb 1st , 2026 – Romans 1:24-32

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Why do you think it's easier to see sin in a culture than in ourselves? What do you hope God wants us to understand about Him through this passage, not just about sin?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 1:24-32. Specifically in verse 25, Paul talks about the idea of "exchanging the truth of God for a lie." In the Bible, we see this happen all the way back in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve **(Gen 3).** He then connects that with worshipping created things, or things that are created gods. How does Paul connect idolatry (worshiping created things) with distorted desires? How does this connect with what God says in **Exodus 20:3-5?** What are some modern "created things" people turn to in worship instead of the Creator? How have you seen this happen in your own life? How do we protect our minds and hearts from worshipping the created, and worship the Creator?

Question 2: Read Romans 1:26-31. In verse 26, Paul tells us for the second time that "God gave them over…" What does that mean? Why does God give people over to their sinful desires? These verses show the effects of what unbelief and suppressing God's truth has on humanity and society. How does Genesis help us understand Paul's use of "natural"? (**Genesis 1:27,2:24).** In verse 28, Paul talks about "people's response" to God and "God's response" to people's choices. Why does this matter? How does our society like to focus on certain "sins" that are unacceptable, but other things on this list that are more "normative?" Do you look at someone who gossips the same way as someone who murders? How does God see those things? Are both deserving of God's wrath? In what ways are you tempted to read this list defensively instead of humbly?

Question 3: Read Romans 1:32. This last verse in Romans 1 shows us several important things about what God is revealing to us about sin, humanity and society. **Romans 1:19-20** says that God has made Himself known, and in verse 32 it says that people know God's decree… but ignore it. Why is this so important? We will look at this further in the next few weeks, but what does **Romans 2:14-15** say about the law of God? Notice the warnings God gives about practicing habitual sin - How does habitual sin shape a person's conscience? How have you seen habitual sin in your own life shape your thinking? What warning does Scripture give about repeatedly ignoring conviction? **Hebrews 3:12-13, 1 Timothy 4:2.**

How does approval of sin go beyond "just" tolerance or silence? How have you seen the progression in society of "remaining silent" to "tolerate" to "celebrate/approve?"

In what subtle ways do you approve sin without participating directly?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?
Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?
Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?
Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?