



## Man's Choice - verses 18-23

- 1. Is belief in God a reasonable choice? Why or why not?
- 2. Assuming you personally believe that God exists, how would you support that belief?
- 3. Looking at creation what can be learned about our Creator?
- 4. How might a denial of God's existence shape our world-view?
- 5. How might a belief in God's existence shape our world-view?
- 6. What is "the truth" that Paul writes of in verse 18?
- 7. What does it mean to "suppress" the truth?
- 8. Why might man suppress the truth?
- Do you think there are ways in which you yourself might "suppress the truth"?
- 10. How does Paul describe the effects of man's choice to suppress the truth?
- 11. Do you think God is justified in His wrath against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men?

## God's Response - verses 24-32

- 12. God's response can be broken down into three actions based on the statement, "God gave them up." What does this statement mean?
- 13. Consider these three actions of God. What is being described? How do each of these relate to man's choice? Can you share examples of each of these from your own life experiences?

"God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity..." - verses 24,25

"God gave them up to dishonorable passions..." - verses 26,27

"God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not be done..." - verses 28-32

- 14. How do you see God's love for each of us demonstrated in His response to man's choice? How might knowing that God's wrath is tempered by His love help you to respond to God?
- 15. Paul's teaching in these verses (18-32) reminds us that there is the one Creator God who reveals truth in order to lead us into a relationship with Him and Satan who distorts God's truth in order to lead us away from God (with obvious disastrous results as described by Paul). How might Paul's teaching help you to more consistently make choices that will turn you towards God?
- 16. If you had to pick just one insight from this study that speaks specifically to you, what would it be? Why? How do you plan to respond to it?