



Romans 1:24-27 Discussion Questions

Overview

Last week Paul said that *"the wrath of God is revealed...against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..."* The wages of sin is death. Sin has consequences. The first and most basic sin is the suppression of the truth, which is the denial of the existence of God. However, creation itself gives evidence of a Creator.

Since the garden (when Adam and Eve chose to trust the serpent more than God) we have been suppressing God's truth. Our hearts have been idol-making factories ever since. We've either written God totally out of the script (atheism) or we've given His glory to His creatures (polytheism). In either case we've elevated our own understanding above the truth that God has revealed both in His world and in His Word – So we are without excuse.

"Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error." Romans 1:24-27

Digging In

- What did Paul mean when he says, "God gave them over..." in this passage?
- What are some different ways we view God in regard to his disposition toward sin/discipline?
- What is the first "giving over" in this passage? What does it reveal about God's truth and humanity's beliefs about it?
- What effects has sin had on the image of God in creation, namely in humanity?
- What is the second "giving over" in this passage? How have you seen this play out in modern culture?
- What are some idols our culture tends to worship?

How Does It Apply?

- Who/what influences your view of God as a loving Father? How do you think your childhood impacts how you view God?
- How have you seen God's truth suppressed in your own life?
- What idols in your life are hindering you from embracing God's design for you?
- How do the "5 marks of a disciple" help us to put sin to death? (Prayer, Time in the Word, Time with Believers, Generous Living, Sharing Your Story)
- Who in your life is God calling you to share your story with?