

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ROMANS | HOW WE GOT HERE

OCT. 20/21 | ROMANS 1:18-32

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Have you ever received bad news that turned out to be helpful later? Share your story.

DIGGING IN

1. Read through Romans 1:18-32 slowly and note what we learn about God in this section.
2. When people do life without God, verses 23-26 say three things are exchanged. What are they and what is God's response?
3. What is the connection between "messed up" thinking (vv21, 28) and behavior that dishonors God and others (29-32)? Look up Romans 12:1-2.
4. We were made to worship God. When God isn't worshipped through a God-honoring life, we find our messed up living and thinking places everyone under God's wrath. How does the gospel address our predicament? Look up John 3:36, Romans 5:8-9.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. When it comes to believing the bad news of our rebellion and sin, placing us under God's wrath, what does this passage explain on why it's hard to accept (e.g. futile minds)?
2. Why is it important to understand the "bad news" before appreciating the "good news" of Jesus' grace and forgiveness?
3. What idols do we turn to that take the place of God in our lives? (Hint: some of them are good things but we have turned them into ultimate things.)
4. What is one lie about God that you can exchange for a truth? Pray for the truth about God to take root in your heart this week.

MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Cheryl McNamee at cmcnamee@doorcreekchurch.org.