

Romans 1:18-32



The Text

1. What actions and attitudes does God demonstrate in this passage?
2. What is the connection between choices and behaviours regarding idolatry, intimacy, ethics and approval?
3. 'We become what we worship'. Do you see this process in this passage?
4. How does Paul want his readers to feel about Gentile behaviour? Why?

The Text as a Portion of Scripture

5. What do these passages concerning idolatry share with Romans 1? Psalm 115:1-8; Isa 44:9-20.
6. What is the Bible's stance on homosexual behaviour in Gen 19:4-11; Lev 18:1-30; 1 Cor 6:9-11; 1 Tim 1:8-11.

The Text in our Lives

7. How has your life been affected by the vices listed in Rom 1:29-31? Have you experienced transformation or salvation? How?
8. What hope is there for people described in Rom 1:18-32?
9. Is Paul fair in his discussion of homosexual behaviour? Consider these arguments:
 - Paul is opposed to acting against nature. A person who is same-sex attracted should behave according to that nature
 - Paul is opposed to oppressive, exploitative sexual behaviour. Same-sex marriage is not what he is thinking about.
 - Paul is encouraging homophobia.
10. How do you cultivate a deep desire to thank and glorify God?