

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Two: Romans 1:18–32

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1. In this passage what is Paul's first topic of discussion regarding God?

2. a) What is God's wrath against?
b) What does man's wickedness suppress?
c) Where do you suppress the truth of God in your life? (This applies to both believers and non-believers.)

3. Why is man without excuse and cannot say he didn't know about God?

4. a) What happens to man because, despite knowing God, he won't glorify God or give thanks to Him?
b) Describe futile thinking.
c) Describe what you *think* "foolish hearts were darkened" means.

5. List the effects of suppressing the truth of God based on verses 22–32:

6. Verse 24 states *therefore God gave them over...* What caused the "therefore"?
What was the result?

7. Verse 26 states *because of this God gave them over...* What caused the "because of this"?
What was the result?

8. Verse 28 states *furthermore God gave them over...* What caused the "furthermore"?
What was the result?

9. In verses 29–31 is a list of qualities of those who have suppressed the truth of God.
- a) All of us commit some of these from time to time; but of this list, which are a pattern in your life?

 - b) Will you ask your group to pray for the area(s) for you and have them hold you accountable for change?

Going deeper:

10. The list of character traits in verses 22–32 is a strong reflection of our society today.
- a) Are you being drawn into what society is teaching as truth or toward what God says?
Give some concrete examples of truth as defined by our society today.

 - b) Share how/where you are being drawn.

Write out and memorize:

Romans 1:20