

# Life Group Discussion Guide

*A WRATH DESERVED*  
*Romans 1:18-25*  
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## ROMANS TRANSFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

Jimmy Carter once wrote: "Too many of us now tend to worship self-indulgence and consumption." This is not necessarily a new view of mankind.

Paul wrote in Romans 1:25, "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen." This has become an even more accurate description of our unholy living.

God's greatness does not rely upon our worship. C. S. Lewis wrote, "A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

### DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about a time when you failed at something (bad grade, lost a game, got fired, etc.). What did you learn? How did you deal with the failure?
2. Stuart said, "There are lots of excuses we come up with for why we were doing something wrong, but we seldom try to argue we were doing something wrong. We're just trying to come up with an excuse that kind of makes it OK." When you make a mistake or fail at something, do you admit it or try to come up with excuses?

### EVALUATE IT

1. Stuart said, "If you can remove God from the equation, then really we can get away with anything we want and make up our own right and wrong and our own truth." Where do you see this happening right now? What is the result if one stays on this path?
2. Read Romans 1:18-25. Paul says that men's wickedness suppresses the truth (1:18). What truth do people suppress? How do they suppress that truth?
3. Why would degrading one's body in sexual impurity (1:24) be a result of worshipping the wrong gods?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How do you respond to the idea of God's wrath? Does it seem relevant or outdated?
2. Stuart said, "Consequence of sin tends to be the existence of the wrath of God being poured out." Is it hard for you to trust a God who expresses wrath? Is this a God you want to worship? Why or why not?

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"And sin is always a lie, because the sinner thinks that it will make him happy, whereas in the end it ruins life, both for himself and for others, in this world and in the world to come."

-Barclay



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