



## **Family preparation for congregational worship on November 27, 2016**

### **Our Scripture-Romans 1:18-23 (ESV):**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

### **Discuss:**

1. How does God respond to people who ignore and disobey Him?
2. How has God revealed Himself to us?
3. When we deny God, what do we put in His place?

**Prayer:** Praise the Lord that He uses difficult times in our lives to make us Christ like. Praise the Lord that He is near and faithful. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Ask Him to keep your life free from sin. Pray and ask God for greater courage in trials. Pray for your pastor. Pray for Daniel & Heather Boyd as they work in evangelism and discipleship in Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands. Ask the Lord for opportunities to share the gospel this week. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

**Memorize (November):** "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ***Psalms 103:1-2 (ESV)***"

### **Music:**

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness with liberating light; Praise the One who frees the prisoners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the One who blessed children with a strong yet gentle word; Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.*

*Praise the one true incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; Praise the One who makes us one.*

*"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness", The Celebration Hymnal, #293, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997*

## Romans 1:18-23

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