



Family preparation for congregational worship on December 04, 2016

Our Scripture-Romans 1:24-32 (ESV):

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Discuss:

1. How are attitudes toward human sexuality affected when a person denies God?
2. When thoughts of God are pushed out, what evil attitudes and action replace them?
3. Instead of fearing God, what attitude do people naturally have toward Him?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He rewards our motives. Praise the Lord that He has given us talents and abilities. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Ask Him for faithfulness in sharing Christ. Pray and ask God for an eternal perspective about life. Pray for Isaac & Bethany Ledford as they work in evangelism and discipleship with university students. 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 (December): "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." **John 3:16-17 (ESV)**

Music:

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

*Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus I come; Jesus I come;
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health, out of my want and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus I come.*

*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy joy and light of Thy home, Jesus I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever, Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus I come to Thee.*

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ACTS	AMEN	ANOTHER
BECAUSE	BLESSED	BODIES
COMMITTING	CONSUMED	CONTRARY
CREATOR	CREATURE	DISHONORING
EVIL	EXCHANGED	FOREVER
GAVE	HEARTS	IMPURITY
LIKEWISE	LUSTS	NATURE
PASSION	PRACTICE	RATHER
REASON	RELATIONS	WOMEN