

HOUSE GROUP ACTIVITIES

- 1 Pray!
- 2 Read **Romans 1** together.
- 3 If you feel confident enough, share any thoughts, excitements, puzzles that have come to mind since the teaching session. Have you discovered something new to you? A good warm-up for this would be to take turns reciting the memory verse.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- a What can be applied to our lives from studying Paul's "I am's"? How might **YOU** do this - tomorrow? How might you support Hebron in doing the same?
- b When your neighbour asks 'How come you think that you are going to heaven, what makes you better than me', what might be your answer? As a group can you develop strategies for such situations?
- c What three truths are contained in **1:18**? How are they developed in the remaining verses of the chapter?
- d It is suggested that the statements made in **1:18-2:29** can be true without **1:16-17**, but that **1:16-17** can not be true without **1:18-2:29**. Do you agree? Support your response.
- e How is the truth of God known? Can you present scripture references in support of your answer?
- f Why do you think some people prefer to worship gods that they have made with their own hands rather than the Creator?
- g Can you agree a response to the view that a 'God of wrath' can not be consistent with a 'God of love'?

SUGGESTED 'HOMEWORK 2'!

Get a daily newspaper. Read through **Romans 1:29-31**. Starting with 'envy', list the "kinds of depravity". Then go through your newspaper. How many examples can you find of each item in your list from the news? Is this passage still relevant today? What is your response to your findings.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT TIME:

Don't forget - read chapter 2. Not just once! Try it a few times.



“For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.”

Romans 1:17

WHO?

Who wrote the Letter to the Romans?

WHO?

Who received the Letter to the Romans?

WHEN?

When was the Letter to the Romans written?

WHERE?

Where was the Letter to the Romans written?

WHY?

Why was the Letter to the Romans written?

WHAT?

What is the message of the Letter to the Romans? Select a verses from chapter 1 that supports this.

BIG WORD ALERT - JUSTIFICATION

What does this word mean? How is it obtained?

What is the 'Gospel'? What can we directly learn about the Gospel from the first 17 verses of Romans?

As you look over the first 17 verses again, what?

A new revelation. What is it?

What do we understand about God's 'wrath'?

God makes it plain. How?

Creation. What does it teach us?

The 'pagan' man - depravity descends following (1:18-32):

Idolatry - what is it? How does it manifest itself? Why?

Immorality - what is it? How does it manifest itself? Why?

Iniquity - What is it? How does it manifest itself? Why?

HOMEWORK 1:

Luther stated that every Christian should memorise the letter to the Romans word by word. Let's start with one verse, **Romans 1:17:**

“For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.”

Test yourself at the House Group session. Be ready to recite the verse the next time we meet!