

## Book Study #2    ROMANS    Rom. 1:8-32 The Power and Wrath of God

### Before We Begin...

1. When you go on a trip, do you like to plan everything out ahead of time, or just get in the car and go? If you could spend one week anywhere in the world, and cost were no object, where would you go? Have you ever had an encounter with the natural world that was completely awe-inspiring?

### Discover (Key Words...)

2. What are those words which, because of emphasis or repetition, stand out as being central to the message of the passage?



### Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

3. Compare verse 14 with 1 Corinthians 9:16-17. In what sense is Paul "obligated"? Do we have any obligations of this kind? Why or why not?
4. In what sense is the gospel powerful? (v. 16) How is that power demonstrated?
5. What else can we learn about the gospel from verses 9 and 16-17?

### Topical Study - the Gospel...

- a. What does 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 tell us about the content of the gospel message?
  - b. Look up John 14:6 and Acts 4:12. What do these verses tell us about the gospel?
  - c. How does this relate to Romans 1:16?
6. In what sense is the gospel universal? (vv. 14, 16; see Revelation 5:9; 7:9) In what sense is it limited? (v. 16; see Hebrews 4:2)
  7. What has God revealed to mankind about Himself? How has He done this? (v. 20; see Psalm 19:1-6)
  8. What is God's response to the evil acts listed in this passage? (vv. 24, 26, 28) How is this an expression of wrath? (v. 18)
  9. Why do people continue sinning if they know that "those who do such things deserve death"? (v. 32; see vv. 18, 21-22, 28)
  10. What is mankind's general attitude toward the truth about God? (vv. 18, 25)

### If We Have Time...

11. One response to vv. 26-31 would be to think that we are pretty good in comparison to others because we are guilty of only a few of these sins. What do the following passages have to say about that?

Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28	Romans 3:9-12	James 2:10-11
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### Application for this week...

12. Take these two (12 & 13) home and think about them... "From this passage, how would you answer the argument that it is unfair for God to condemn people to Hell who have never heard the gospel?"
13. "Is the revelation of God in creation sufficient to bring about faith and salvation? Why or why not?"
14. Then... Who can you help this week to understand more about the Gospel (The Good News of Jesus) which is a "...power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..."