

(1) What did we learn from Romans 1:18-23 about the spiritual condition of those who have never heard the name of Jesus? On what basis will they be held accountable by God and judged? What is the significance of Paul's conclusion that "they are without excuse" (v. 20)?

(2) Most people think of the many world religions as sincere efforts on the part of individuals to find their way to the one true God. Do you agree? What does Paul say about this?

(3) Reflect on this statement and then discuss it: "When a person rejects God, he/she does not cease to be religious. He/she becomes religious in order to reject God." Do you agree? If not, why not?

(4) What is idolatry? How would Paul define it in light of what he says in 1:18-25? How does idolatry lead to immorality, or is it the other way around?

(5) What does Paul mean in vv. 24, 26, 28 when he says that "God gave them up"? How does this help explain the condition of our world today?