

GROWTH GUIDE

OPEN YOUR EYES, LOOK AROUND // ROMANS 1:19-25 // MARCH 7-13, 2021

What is a Growth Guide? Simply, a tool. This is a tool to help you grow with God. Use this guide to take some notes from the Sunday message and to personally study the scriptures for the week. Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Growth Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps in your life. You can use this study guide with your Growth Group, your family, or on your own.

What are Growth Groups? Growth Groups are sermon-based small groups that meet primarily in homes. They use this guide as a tool to help facilitate discussion and learning around God's Word. To join a group, visit mycpointe.com/groups

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Romans 1:16-18 (ESV)

Wrath: God's Settled Hostility Toward Sin

The Behavior of Mankind

1. Man Rejects God
Romans 1:19-21
2. The Act of Rejection
Romans 1:21
3. Mankind Becomes Foolish
Romans 1:22
Psalm 14:1
4. Rejection of God's Wisdom Leads to Self-Religion
Romans 1:23-25

PRAY

- Ask God to clear your mind and help you focus. Ask God to speak to you as you work through this guide by yourself and with your Growth Group.

OPEN

1. What's one big idea or concept that spoke to you from the message? Do you have a main take away?
2. Our days and weeks are often filled with bad news. Think of all the good news you can, praise God for it. Share some good news with your group.

READ, HEAR, & LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

1. Read Romans 1:19-32
 - a. What does everyone know about God, according to verses 19-20?
 - b. When a person habitually suppresses truth about God, there seems to be a downward spiral described in vv 21-23. Their thoughts become futile...or useless, illogical. Where does this kind of thinking lead, according to vv22-23?
2. Verses 21-32 describe the downward spiral of sin experienced by people who rebel against God.
 - a. How would you summarize each level of their descent?
 - b. How might each level lead to the next?
3. People often raise the question of how God could condemn those who have never heard of him. How does this passage address this question?
4. What evidence do you see of this moral and spiritual degeneration today?
5. How might this passage make you less ashamed of the gospel and more eager to preach or share it?
6. Pray that God would be revealed powerfully to those who are rejecting him.

PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

As we study these truths over the coming weeks, think of some family members or friends who do not know God and commit to praying for their salvation.

- Spend a few minutes asking God who He wants to be on your list.
- Write their names down on paper and place it in your Bible as a bookmark for Romans.
- Start praying!