

# GROWTH GUIDE

A TWISTED LIFE & CULTURE // ROMANS 1:24-32 // MARCH 14-20, 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](http://mycpointe.com/groups)

## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### 4 Groups of People

1. Depraved Gentile Society (1:18-32)
2. Moralist (2:1-16)
3. Self-Confident Jewish Person (2:17-3:8)
4. Entire Human Race (3:9-20)

### The Unraveling of An Individual & Society

1st Ingratitude Leads to Repression (Romans 1:21a)

2nd Repression Leads to Darkness (Romans 1:21b)

3rd Darkness Leads to A Twisted Life & Culture

Area 1: Idolatry (Romans 1:22-25)

Area 2: Inversion of Life (Romans 1:24-27)

Area 3: Iniquity (Romans 1:28-32)

## **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 1:24-28
  - a. What phrase is repeated three times from verse 24 to 28?
  - b. What does it mean that God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity?
  - c. Did he cause their sin?
2. Why allow people to go their own way instead of stopping them? What do people worship and serve now instead of the Creator?
3. Read Romans 1:26-27.
  - a. What natural function did women & men exchange? Why do you think Paul mentions the sin of homosexuality here instead of murder or stealing or something else?
  - b. At the end of verse 27 it says, "receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error." What does this mean? What principle does this teach?
4. Read Romans 1:28-32
  - a. Paul list over 20 sins. How are these the same or different than homosexuality Paul writes about in vv. 26-27.
  - b. Why are those who do these sins worthy of death? Even things like disobeying parents? Why death?
  - c. What does verse 32 tell us about how far people go in sin? What is the next step beyond doing it? Do you see this happening in the world today?

## **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!