



## *MADE TO WORSHIP*

### Romans 1:22-23

Life Group Study -- Week of November 25, 2018

#### **Memorize.**

*Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.*

*Romans 1:22-23*

**Open.** What's the most memorable thing that happened during your Thanksgiving observation?

**Study.** Read Romans 1:22-23.

If you had the opportunity to hear Ian Smith's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions did it raise for you, if any?

Chart the steps to idolatry to which Paul points in verses 18, 21 and 22. Considering these steps, how would you personally define the essence of idolatry?

Read Romans 1:22 in light of Psalm 10:4; 14:1; 53:1. What unfortunate exchange is made when people refuse to acknowledge and depend on God as God?

Note the contrasts between *glory* and *images*, *immortal* and *mortal* in Romans 1:23. How does Paul employ these contrasts to amplify the depth of human folly?

Read Psalm 106:19-22 in light of Exodus 32:1-10. Notice the four verbs in the latter passage in sequence.

Commentator Robert Mounce made this interesting statement regarding verses 22-23: "*By rejecting the knowledge of the true God, religion is born.*" How do you respond? Agree or disagree? Why?

Another writer referred to verse 23 as a description of "*the triumph of the gods over God.*" Why is that human beings are so prone to take *good* things and turn them into *God* things?

What particular evidence do you see in your life and in the lives of others that humans are hard-wired for worship?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. How did God circumvent the presumptive wisdom of man through the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Are you wise or foolish in the eyes of God? To what degree are you personally exchanging the glory of the immortal God for lesser objects of worship?

*Remember to pray for, and share Christ with your*

