



## MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Passage: Romans 1:18-32

#### Read Romans 1:18-23

1. Compare Romans 1:18 with 1:17. What are the similarities? What are the differences?
2. Where then should we look to see God's judgment? Where should we look to see God's salvation? Why is this distinction important?
3. How might we misunderstand the phrase 'the wrath of God'? What do you think it might mean?
4. What has God made plain to humanity in vv.19-20?
5. How have humanity responded to this knowledge? (vv.21-23)
6. Why is humanity without excuse?
7. What is Paul's answer to how humanity has suppressed the truth (vv.19-23)?

#### Read Romans 1:24-32

**The key phrase 'God handed them over' occurs three times in vv.24-31 and divides this section up.**

8. What are the three things that God has handed humanity over to?
9. Do you think the phrase 'God handed them over' means God *forces* them to do these things or he removes his restraint so that they *can* do these things?
10. Is Paul claiming that all people have committed all of these sins? Why or why not?
11. Do you think these are the only sinful acts that God hands people over into? Why might Paul choose these ones to comment on?
12. What is Paul's answer in vv.24-31 to how God's righteous judgment is revealed in the present?

**In the final verse, we are told that death is the final result of God's righteous judgment on sin. In fact, the revelation of God's righteous judgment in the present warns us of where such rebellion is heading.**

13. From verse 32, does humanity tend to respond well to God's warnings?
14. In what ways does this passage remind you of Sydney? How does it encourage us to think about Australia's moral decline?