

## **LIFE Group Guide**

Dishonoring God

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**THE ORCHARD**

**Read:** Romans 1:24-32

### **Outline:**

What happens when we create an Idol before God?

1. The truth of God is exchanged for a lie (vs. 25)
  - a. The first commandment is broken, with others soon to follow.
2. God releases us to the leadership of lust (vs. 24)
  - a. Impurity becomes increasingly attractive
  - b. Our bodies are used dishonorably
3. We open ourselves to dangerous consequences (27b)
  - a. Women exchange what is natural for a contradiction (26)
  - b. Men are consumed by shameful desire (27a)
4. Our minds embrace destruction (28-32)
  - a. We make excuses for damaging behavior
  - b. We treat lies like truth
  - c. Desperation and hate drive our words and actions
  - d. Pride makes hateful enemies of God
  - e. We comfort ourselves by getting others to join us

Conclusion... Perhaps idolatry is the ultimate barrier to belief.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What was something from the passage/message that led you to think, feel, or act biblically?
2. How does this passage connect with our lives today?
3. How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?
4. How can we as Christians edit or modify God and His Word to make it fit our ideas or beliefs of Him?
5. Where do you see idolatry in your own life (1:29-32)
6. How can we look to Christ to help us honor God with our bodies, and our minds?