

LIFE Group Guide

Distorting God

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THE ORCHARD

Read: Romans 1:21-23

Outline:

Barrier 1. **A bad reputation** requires a credible Christlike witness.

Barrier 2. **Misunderstandings about Christianity** requires a gentle respectful prepared witness.

Barrier 3. **A dismissed condemnation** requires an unashamed passionate plea of the Gospel.

Barrier 4. **Distorted images of God** require us to question the motive, rationale, and results of unrighteous thinking.

The motive of unrighteous thinking: (21a)

1. Deny God – “Although they knew God”
2. Dishonor Him and His design – “they did not honor him”
3. Entitle themselves – “did not... give thanks to him”

The rationale of unrighteous thinking (21b)

1. Futile – unable to accomplish
2. Foolish – without sense/taste/reason
3. Darkened – eclipsed

The results of unrighteous thinking (22)

1. Proud of their thoughts – “claiming to be wise”
2. Put on stupidity – became fools
3. Discard the immortal glory of God
4. Appoint an image of god

Application:

Question the initiation, nature, and result of unrighteous thinking?

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. What truth about God and His gospel will motivate your application this week?
5. Based on this message/passage what practical steps can you take to be more Christlike?