

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

The Signature of Fools: *What Marks a Fool?*

Romans 1:28-32

Additional passages: Psalm 14, also 53; Psalm 54 as a turning from the rejection of God.

Introduction: Pastor John explained the marks of a fool revealed in Romans 1:28-32 – Fools: 1) dismiss their Creator, 2) engorge their passions, 3) trample competing authorities to the authority of self and 4) applaud deviants.

Questions:

1. John shared about the brokenness of the fool's calibration to truth. What/Who is the rightful calibrator of truth? What implications does that have for our lives?
2. Where and how in the story of your own life did you walk the path of a fool? What did the Lord use to show you the error of your way and save you?
3. Who are a couple people in your life who are currently not submitting to God and instead living under so called "self-rule?" What is the next step for you in relationship with them in calling them to Jesus?
4. Are there people in your life whose lives tempt you to return to sinful vices? Any who you need to break fellowship with for the sake of holiness?
5. Related to this, are there any areas in your life where you need to regulate your use of something or cut off or your use of something for the sake of holiness (alcohol, streaming services, internet filters, movies you watch, etc.)?

With a passage like Romans 1:18-32, people – including Christians – may be prone to divorcing God's holiness and expectation of holiness from His powerful and personal love. **This leaves God seeming like an impersonal, cold punisher, instead of a personal, holy God.**

Consider these lyrics from one of Sunday's songs, "Only a Holy God:"

"Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God."

6. Think about your view of God: How is it going with viewing God as a Father who loves you, who always has your best interests in mind, and as a good authority in your life?