

## **PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

For the week of April 29-May 5

Romans 1:28-32 - "The Depraved Mind"

**Synopsis:** Since unbelieving man has despised the knowledge of God that's plain to him, God gives him up to a depraved mind that leads to all manner of unrighteousness. That unrighteousness is clearly evident in social relationships, including the pinnacle of depravity- promoting that unrighteousness in others.

### **Into the Bible**

1. This is the third time in this passage that God has "given them up" to something. What were the others (see v.24 and v.26)? Compare and contrast all three.
2. What is a "debased mind" (v.28)?
3. What connection is Paul making between belief, mind and action?
4. What pattern, if any, do you see in the list in vv. 29-31?

5. Do you think the sin of "disobedience to parents" (v.30) fits in this list? Why, or why not? How serious is that sin?
6. Verse 32 seems to say that the sin of promoting unrighteousness in others is even worse than just the actions themselves. Do you agree? Why, or why not?

### **Application**

7. Do you have people in your life who would promote unrighteousness in you? How should you think about and relate to those people?
8. Think about your own sins in light of Question 3 and v. 28. What role does your belief play in your behavior?