

## **PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

For the week of April 1-7

Romans 1:21-27: Costly Exchange

**Synopsis:** Though man has a natural knowledge of his Creator, he suppresses that truth and exchanges it for falsehood, idolatry, and self-pleasure. As a form of judgment, God gives man over to pursue his desires to his heart's content.

### **Into the Bible**

1. Who are the people being discussed in our passage? All people? Some? Unbelievers? Explain your answer.
2. In what ways do you think man has become futile in his thinking? (v. 21)? In what ways has his foolish heart become darkened?
3. In what ways do people nowadays "worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator" (v. 25)? Isn't Paul just referring to literal idol worship in his day?
4. Why do you think man's depravity shows itself so clearly in sexual sin? How does the Bible answer that question?

5. Why do you think Paul used the Greek words for "females" and "males" in verses 26-27, rather than "women" and "men"? See Gen. 1:27-28.

6. How should Christians think about homosexuality and homosexual behavior?

### **Application**

7. Think of some situations in your own life where God may have punished your sin by giving you over to even greater sin. Share if appropriate.
8. God often punishes sin by giving over to further sin. Think about temptations you may be facing right now. Pray and ask God's help to obey and not follow that path!