

Romans 1:18-3:8

It All Points To God!

Part A

Life Group Study Guide
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Preparation:

- If your group did not discuss and complete the Life Group Covenant last week please discuss and complete the covenant this week and return a copy of the covenant to Grand Central or the church office.
- For the first few weeks your group is developing its own identity. People are coming to know each other and evaluate if they are willing to trust the other members of the group. If the members of the group cannot trust each other then the group will never get off the ground! Trust is built as each person's 'voice' is heard and respected in the group. It is important for the group discussion to be, well..., a group discussion and not a class where one person lectures! Therefore the material for this week will enable the group to interact and learn about each other.

Memory Verse:

²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

Connect:

- Make sure everyone in your group knows everyone else. If you have new members take a few minutes getting to know them and learning how they came to be connected to your group.
- Remember the empty chair as you open your group time in prayer.

Grow:

- Read Romans 1: 18-20
- This passage says God has 'made it plain' to people throughout history who he is. One of the most basic ways he has done this is through creation itself. Have you ever had an experience in nature where you felt God's presence? Share that with the group.
- In addition to the natural world that God created around us to communicate his presence to us there are also many events and people in our life that help us come to know God. Every person has a spiritual history- the events and people, both positive and negative, in our lives that have shaped us spiritually. Spend 5-10 minutes completing the "My Spiritual Story" page. After each person has completed their spiritual story go around the room so that each person can share their spiritual history with the group.
- Who were significant people (both positively and negatively) in your spiritual development?
- What were significant circumstances and events (both positive and negative) in your spiritual development?

Serve:

- God has made it plain through nature that he exists. God has used events, circumstances, and people in our lives to help us come to know him. But does your life reflect God to those around you? Share how your life does or does not reflect God.
- *(Don't forget to discuss and decide upon your group project.)*

Share:

- Every one of us has had someone in our life that has helped us come to know God. But are we doing the same for someone else? Who is someone in your life God has placed around you so that you can encourage them in their spiritual journey?
- Who is someone you need to invite to fill the empty chair?
- *(Have the prayer coordinator make a note of these names so that the group can lift them up in prayer.)*

Worship:

- Have the prayer coordinator gather requests from the group as well as remind everyone of any previous requests.
- Gather into groups of 2-3 people and close your time in prayer lifting up requests and the names from the Share section. Be sure to thank God for the spiritual journey he has used to bring us to Him and close by asking his blessing upon this Life Group.

Preparation for Next Time:

- Read Romans 1: 18-3:8