

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

10/15/17

Text: Romans 1:18-32 (ESV)

Title: God's Holiness & Our Folly

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

As we took a second pass at Romans 1, Tim focused on the slavery of idolatry in our lives. We live in a world that tells us we will only experience true freedom if we're able to pursue whatever we most desire. But the truth is that when we give ourselves over to our desires we can only become enslaved to them. We will always be left wanting more. The good news of the gospel is that our inexhaustible hunger for eternal things can be ultimately satisfied in Jesus. Rather than being filled and controlled by things of this world, Jesus frees us to be filled and led by his Holy Spirit and find true freedom and satisfaction in Him.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Tim said we often think that true freedom is getting to do whatever we most want. We are constantly seeking to preserve our own independence, and to evade any accountability. The problem is that what we most want, if it isn't God, will never satisfy us, and can't truly provide what we need.*
 - Where in your life are you most likely to act like getting what you want will bring you freedom?**
 - What in your life never feels like enough?**
- 2. Tim said we are self-enslaved to our idols. We've appraised things in our life (money, relationships, sex, careers, beauty, leisure...etc.) and we've determined that they have more worth than the God who created everything.*
 - How does that sound crazy and accurate at the same time?**
 - What idols do you think you've allowed yourself to be enslaved by in your life?**
- 3. Tim said our idolatry works itself out in three ways: Anxiety is idolatry mapped out onto the future; Guilt is idolatry mapped out onto the past, and Anger is idolatry mapped out onto the present.*
 - Which of these do you see most in your life?**
 - How do you need Holy Spirit to work in your heart to replace them with Jesus?**

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as a group as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart during your discussion.)

1. ADORATION (The Father)

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

2. CONFESSION (Me)

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

3. THANKSGIVING (Jesus)

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

4. SUPPLICATION (Holy Spirit)

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

MISSION

Prepare for Gospel Community:

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.