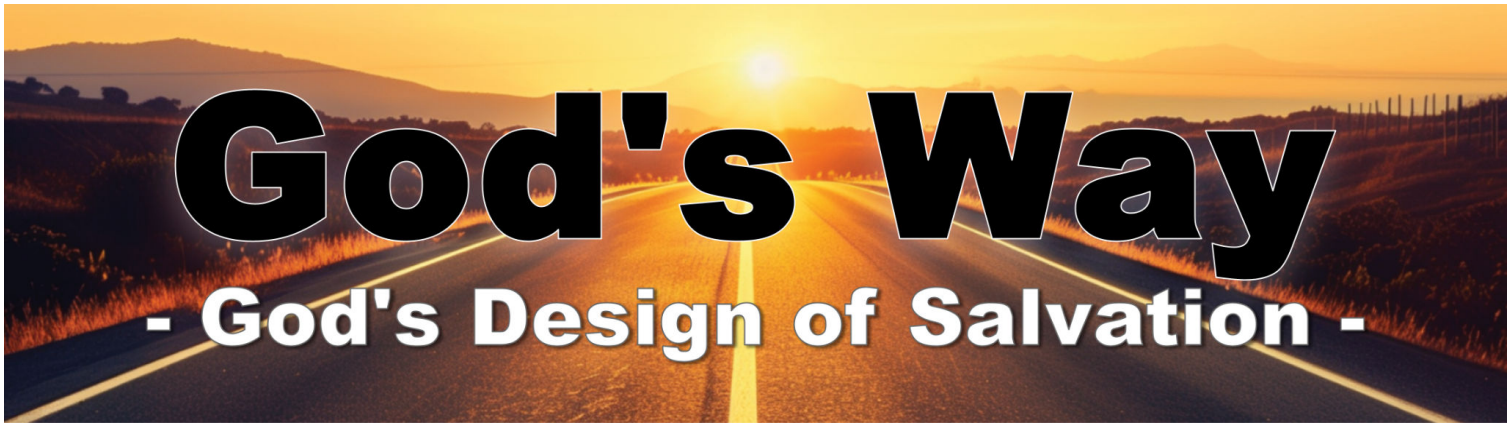


Week of May 31, 2026 - The Depravity of Man | Small Group Lesson 4

Connect

Have you ever found yourself laughing at a joke or agreeing with an opinion you actually disagreed with, just because the crowd was applauding it? Why is it so hard to be the only one not clapping and going along with it?

Verses - Romans 1:26-32 (CSB)

Read aloud:

26 For this reason God delivered them over to disgraceful passions. Their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 The men in the same way also left natural relations with women and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error.

28 And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a corrupt mind so that they do what is not right. 29 They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 senseless, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful. 32 Although they know God's just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die—they not only do them, but even applaud others who practice them.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. vv.26-27 explains the state that these men and women have turned into. What is the error that these men and women have made? (see v.28)

2. Who are those who committee the acts of wickedness mentioned in vv.29-31?

3. What is the penalty or the sentence of God mentioned in v.32?

4. How do those who commit such acts, and in spite of knowing the penalty of their ignorance of God, encourage others in their wickedness?

Share

Discuss 1:
Human society naturally progresses from just committing sins to actively applauding others who practice them. How can we as Christians guard our minds against normalizing these cultural shifts without becoming a recluse?

Discuss 2:
If laws and moral education have not fixed society after thousands of years, how does faith in Jesus and receiving His righteousness rescue believers from it—for both during this life and in the one to come.

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.