

Session 3 - Romans 1

In this session, you will engage in reading and study of Romans 1, as well as some brief study of relating passages and concepts.

Guiding Questions

- 1.) What do you think Paul meant by something being natural or unnatural? Do you think he is alluding more to portions of Genesis 1-3 or Wisdom of Solomon?
- 2.) Do the verses you read in Romans 1:26-27 seem to describe gay people you know today? Does that matter?

Required

Reading

Romans 1:18-2:11

Genesis 2:15-25

Wisdom of Solomon 13-14 (Especially 13:1-9 and 14:22-30)

[Note: Wisdom is a deuterocanonical/apocryphal book but it can be accessed via biblegateway.com NRSVUE translation or in Anglican/Orthodox/Catholic bibles]

“The Shameful Lust of Romans” from *A Letter to my Congregation* by Ken Wilson

“The Romans Road in the Wrong Direction” from *What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality* by Kevin DeYoung

“Key Arguments in Today’s Debate on Same-Sex Relationships” from *Scripture, Ethics, and the Possibility of Same-Sex Relationships* by Karen Keen

Videos

Is it "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve"?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1U5t0zALSI>

Language Helps

Glossary of Terms - <https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

Additional Resources

Videos

Dr. Robert Gagnon - God's Wrath and Sexual Immorality (Romans 1:18-27)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9eAg63kMNM>

Dr. James Brownson -- Romans 1:24-27 (part 1)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKOTNneoOpU>

Dr. James Brownson -- Romans 1:24-27 (part 2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kONByDAXko>

Books

Changing Our Mind: Definitive 3rd Edition of the Landmark Call for Inclusion of LGBTQ Christians by David P. Gushee

Affirming Christian - Side A

What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality by Kevin DeYoung

Non-Affirming Christian - Side Y

Scripture, Ethics, and the Possibility of Same Sex Relationships by Karen Keen

Affirming Christian - Side A

A Letter to my Congregation by Ken Wilson

"Third Way"/Affirming Christian - Side A

Does the Bible Support Same-Sex Marriage?: 21 Conversations from a Historically Christian View by Preston Sprinkle

Non-Affirming Christian - Side B