

# FBC Small-Group Materials

Week of December 28th, 2007

Romans 1.18-23; Although They Knew God

## **For Small-Group Leaders**

*Dear Leaders,*

*As I write this, the sun is shining, birds are chirping and Creation is whispering. What is it whispering you ask? "Glory to God in the Highest." Perhaps to say that it is whispering, is putting it too mildly. It may be more accurate to say that it is shouting. The Biblical writers are clear about this. Everyday, Creation is speaking to us, telling us about the God who has made it all. Perhaps it would be good for all our home groups to collectively go outside and talk about what the heavens above tell us about our God. There is much to learn from the stars above - if we will only have ears to listen.*

*Seeking to Listen,*

*Scott*

These small group materials are available at the info table each Sunday and at [www.fbcdavis.org](http://www.fbcdavis.org).

### **Discussion Starters:**

- **Creation Speaks** – Where is your favorite spot to observe the beauty of creation (e.g. Yosemite, the beach, your garden, etc.)

### **Discussion Questions:**

Introduction: Read together Romans 1:18-23.

1. According to Paul, what is Creation telling us about God?
2. Paul says Creation has made God plainly known. What then has hindered people from seeing what is so obvious?
3. This principal involving sin and truth can work in our lives in small and large ways. Even Christians can become deaf to the clear message of Creation. In what ways does sin hinder or hamper the power of truth in our lives?
4. Verse 21a unveils a fitting response to the God who has revealed himself to us in Creation. How would you describe that response?
5. Tragically, instead of worship, many choose a life described by verses 22b and 23. How would you describe that kind of life?
6. Read Psalm 19 together (if you are able to, as a group walk outside and read it). Compare verses 1-6 and verses 7-11. How are they different? How do verses 1-6 lead to 7-11?
7. How are these verses connected to Romans 1:18-23?
8. What does the psalmist conclude is the appropriate response to God's revelation through what he made and what he said?

**Point of Prayer** – As a group spend some time praying through Psalm 19:12-14. Note: Many people find praying through Scripture profitable. Try reading the words slowly to God to get your group started and then expanding on the ideas as you talk with him.