

SMALL GROUP LESSON

THE SLIPPERY SLOPE OF SELF

ROMANS 1:20-32

OCTOBER 30, 2016

Before you answer these questions take a few moments to read these passages of Scripture: Romans 1:20-32, Romans 2:14-16, Acts 17:24-28, Hebrews 11:6, and Exodus 20:1-17. You might also want to review the pastor's sermon on line at bedfordpresbyva.org. Then, give careful consideration to these questions and how they apply to our lives as God's people.

1. If salmon return to the place where they were spawned and if Monarch butterflies return to the forests in Mexico where their ancestors were born, do we as human beings possess an internal map that leads us back to God and a moral compass that helps us avoid dangers along the way? What Biblical or scientific evidence can you think of to support your answer to this question?
2. Salmon and butterflies are programmed in such a way as to insure their survival. What about human beings? Can we disregard and violate the inborn tendencies which God has placed within us?
3. What can happen to us when we turn away from God and His moral guidelines which have been given to us in His Word and written upon our hearts? Do you see any comparisons between the Ten Commandments and what Paul wrote in Romans 1:20-32? How are knowing God and obeying God connected to one another?
4. As you look around at the increasingly secular society in which we live, what do you think is happening? Are things getting better and better or are we beginning to see the downward cultural spiral that Paul describes in the first chapter of his letter to the Romans?