

## ROMANS 1:18-23 PASSAGE

*What do we learn specifically about the nature of the darkness of this world?*

What are the differences between light and darkness (age appropriate discussion - physical realities to human nature realities)?

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.”

The three phrases in italics are huge in overcoming darkness. Make a list of each of these - the thoughts you have when you think of each.

“For since the creation of the world His *invisible attributes*, His *eternal power* and *divine nature*, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”

*What does it mean to have a dark heart? What is the best escape for this?*

“For even though they knew God, they did not **honor** Him as God or give **thanks**, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

*What forms does this take (exchanging images)?*

“Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

**An awareness of our relationship to Light and darkness is key to our spiritual lives.**

- Describe your favorite depiction/description of Light?
- When you think of “pitch black darkness” what comes to mind?
- In what ways does darkness provide a contrast to Light (in the physical realm)?

What does it mean to “suppress the truth?” What does this look like in your life at school - and around your friends? How can we *promote* the truth rather than *suppress* it?