

**DISCUSSION 1**

God is independent, but also relational.

1. How does Paul describe God in this passage?
2. What are some of the truths stated here that show us God is independent?
3. Does this make you feel like God is not approachable? Why or why not?
4. In order for God to be God, He must be independent. In other words, in order to be God, He can't rely on anything or anyone other than Himself. Why is this true?

**DISCUSSION 2**

Paul makes it clear that God's good news is for all people.

1. What does v. 26 say about the diversity of God's creation?
2. How does this verse help us see God's personal care for all His created people?
3. What does this verse tell us about how we should live with others (even those different than us)?
4. Verse 27 is the gospel spoken to Greek pagans. How does it illustrate the gospel? Is it comforting to you?

**DISCUSSION 3**

God is not an abstract, powerful deity who does not have time for His creation. He is deeply personal and relational.

1. How do you know God is near you? List some ways or reasons you know Him to be near.
2. When does God seem distant? Why might that be? What is the remedy?
3. How is God relational within Himself?
4. Why is the Trinity necessary for God to be God?

## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP**

1. Can you think of a time on TV, in school, or in the neighborhood when people have acted like there is no God? (Spend time discussing the current reality of a world that ignores God and acts like He does not exist)?
2. What are some examples of times you have felt God's nearness? How can you grow closer to Him this week?

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Pray for a heart that draws near to God because He is near to you.
- Meditate on and memorize James 4:8.