1. **Romans 1:20b-23**
* What do you believe Paul means by stating “For although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God”, please explain your interpretation of this statement?
* How does one’s mind become “darkened” and what does that mean?
* Have you seen evidence of this behavior in today’s society, for example, what Paul observed during his time where some who “knew God” claimed “to be wise” and “exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man”?
* **Deuteronomy 5:6-9**
* Which commandments does this behavior go against?
* **Matthew 23:25-26**
* Do you believe it is possible for people who know the will of God and his testimony to live a life of self-indulgence?
1. **Romans 1:24**
* Reflect on **verse 24** and share your thoughts on why “God” might respond this way?
* **Genesis 1:27, Sirach 15:11-20**
* According to these two readings do you believe free will exists, in other words, that we have the ability to accept salvation or not accept it by our actions?
* According to **Sirach** does God cause others to go “astray” and act against Himself?
* **Catechism 1700 – 1704**
* According to the readings in the **Old Testament** and the **Catechism**, why do we have free will?
* **Matthew 9:4, Matthew 15:19**
* Reflect on **Romans** and **Matthew** , and share why you think a person who “knew God” might act in this manner against Him?
* What types of thoughts and actions can come from an “evil” heart so to speak, according to the scriptures?
* How can we as Christians combat harboring “evil thoughts in” our “hearts”?