

“Doxology”

A Study of the Book of Romans

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Key Truth: Though our knowledge of God is limited, what we do know about him should lead us to praise-filled worship for his inexhaustible Nature.

Theology, in its simplest form, is the study of God. Throughout the first eleven chapters of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, he’s taught us many things, but most importantly, he’s taught us about God – who God is and what God has done. When we study theology, we find two seemingly paradoxical realities: (1) God is knowable through his Word, because He has revealed himself in Christ, and (2) God is not completely knowable because he hasn’t revealed everything. Even though we learn more of who God is, we always find there’s even more to know. That truth is captured in this Doxology (11:33-36).

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 11:33-36** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “Doxology.”

DIG IN

1. Praise God for His Immeasurable Depths! (Romans 11:33a)

“Doxology” means a “word of praise” (*doxa* = glory or praise and *logos* = word). In what ways do these four verses constitute a doxology?

In what ways is God rich (give examples from Scripture)?

In what ways is God’s immeasurable wisdom and knowledge demonstrated in the gospel?

2. Praise God for His Inscrutable Ways! (Romans 11:33b-34)

“Inscrutable” means that something is impossible to completely understand. In what ways are God’s ways inscrutable?

Read Isaiah 40:27-28: In what ways do we try to hide our actions from God? In what ways does God hide his ways from us?

3. Praise God for His Indescribable Worth! (Romans 11:35-36)

The answer to the question raised in Romans 11:35 is, “No one.” Why?

Read Hebrews 11:17-19: Do you agree that we could say that Romans 11:36 is the “DNA of the resurrection?” Why or why not?

Why must doxology recognize the transcendence of God? Why is doxology more than just admiring God from afar?

DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?