

**“To God Be the Glory!”
(Romans 11:33-36)**

After describing the wonder of God’s salvation plan and His sovereignty over Jew, Gentile and all things to work this plan, Paul concludes with a burst of praise, declaring that God is . . .

Incomprehensibly Wise (33)

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

- In All **Wisdom and Knowledge**
- In His **Plans and Details**

Incomparably Wondrous (34-35)

For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?

- No One Can **Fully Explain Him**
- No One Can **Counsel Him**
- No One Has a **Claim on Him**

Infinitely Worthy (36)

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

- As the Source, Means and Goal of **All Things**
- As the One Worthy of **All Glory**

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share about a subject in school that was (or is) the most difficult for you to fully understand.

Discussion Questions

1. Evaluate and discuss the following statement: “Let’s stop reasoning & simply praise God for His incredible plan of redemption!” How can this statement be helpful and how can it be dangerous?
2. It has been rightly said that “Theology must eventually become doxology!” What can we do to keep our knowledge of God vibrant and alive rather than merely academic?
3. What is the relationship between God’s wisdom & His knowledge? What is the relationship between His judgments & His ways? What does Paul mean by saying that these things are unsearchable?
4. What is the implied answer to all 3 questions in verses 34-35? What point is Paul making with each of these 3 questions?
5. How is our salvation a great example of something that is “of Him and through Him and to Him” (v.36)? Share some ways we can live for God’s glory (1 Cor.10:31).

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Each person share something about God that you are thankful for, and then begin your prayer by giving Him praise and thanks for that quality.

Digging Deeper

1. Continue to read Romans 11:33-36 several times each day until you have it memorized. Then on Thanksgiving Day recite this passage to someone (in person or by phone) and share how this passage is a blessing to you.
3. Read and reflect upon 1 Chronicles 16:23-36 and Isaiah 40:12-17 and jot down how each verse in these passages speaks of God’s glory. Some other verses on God’s glory to consider are 1 Cor 10:31; 1Tim 1:17; 2 Cor 4:15; Eph 1:12; 1 Pet 4:11; Rev 4:11 and Rev 5:12-13.