"The Glory of God in the Gospel" (Romans16:25-27)

How do you close a letter so glorious as Romans? Paul answers that question with a vibrant doxology, praising such a great God who devised and executed His amazing gospel plan – for our good and, above all, for His glory! We are reminded in this doxology that . . .

The Gospel is **POWERFUL** (25a)

Now to Him who is able to establish you...

The Gospel is **PERSONAL** (25b)

...according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ,

The Gospel is **PRE-ORDAINED** (25c)

...according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

The Gospel is **PROPHETIC** (26a)

but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures...

The Gospel is **PUBLIC** (26b)

...made known to all nations

The Gospel is **PRODUCTIVE** (26c)

according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith

The Gospel is **PECULIAR** (27)

...to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

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Small Group Discussion Guide

<u>Icebreaker</u>: Gospel means "good news." Share about some good news you've recently received.

- 1. How is the gospel able to <u>strengthen us</u> to be able to stay faithful? Answer in general or with a personal testimony of how the gospel has kept you strong in a situation.
- 2. What are some reasons that Paul might have referred to the gospel as "my gospel" in Rom 16:25? (He does so also in 2:16 and 2 Tim 2:8)
- 3. How does the phrase "made known to all nations" (v 26) relate to the Great Commission? Share about someone that you are burdened for to come to Christ.
- 4. Paul uses the phrase "obedience to the faith" in Rom 16:26 and also at the beginning of the letter in 1:5. What does he mean by this phrase and what is the relationship between faith and obedience?
- 5. Why is God's plan of salvation so amazing and so wonderful? What are some of the facets of this plan that make it so unique and incredible?

Small Group Prayer

Give praise to God for his amazing plan of salvation, and that it is personal to you ("my gospel"). Pray for the salvation of someone by name that you would like to see come to Christ.

Digging Deeper

Compare Rom 16:25-27 with other doxologies in Paul's letters – Gal 1:5; 1 Tim 1:17; Rom 11:33-36; Eph 3:20-21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 6:15-16; 2 Tim 4:18. There are doxologies throughout Scripture, like Psalm 150, Jude 24-25 and many more. Pick a couple of these and pray them back to God in praise!