

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 26, 2014

Passage: Romans 11:33-36

Memory Passage: Romans 11:35-36

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 11:33-36.** The Greek text of v. 33a can be translated, “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” as in the ESV or “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!” as in the NASB (cf. NIV). Which translation do you think best fits the context and thought of this passage and why?
- (b) What emotion is Paul expressing by using the particle, “Oh” and what drives this emotion?
- (c) To what is Paul responding with this doxology, and why does he single out God’s attributes of “wisdom” and “knowledge” to praise?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 11:33-36.** Of what specific “judgments” and “ways” is Paul speaking in v. 33?
- (b) Explain why these judgments & ways are “unsearchable” and “inscrutable.” Does this mean humans can never see or understand the works of God? Why/why not?
- (c) Think of specific situations that you have encountered in the last month in which meditation on the attributes of God listed in v. 33 would have brought (or did bring) you comfort, encouragement, or strength. Be ready to share these with your class on Sunday for mutual edification.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 11:33-36 & 1 Cor. 2:6-16.** How does the “for” that begins v. 34 inform your interpretation of v. 34-35?
- (b) How does the rhetorical question in v. 34 support what Paul said in v. 33, and what does it teach us about God and man?
- (c) Paul quotes Is. 40:13 in both Rom. 11:34 and 1 Cor. 2:16. How are these 2 NT passages similar in content, and what do we learn in 1 Cor. 2:6-16 that helps us further understand and apply this aspect of God’s character to the Christian life?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 11:33-36, Job 41:11, & 42:1-6.** How does the rhetorical question in v. 35 support what Paul said in v. 33, and what does it teach us about God and man?
- (b) Paul quotes Job 41:11 in v. 35. How does Job’s setting fit with the context of Romans 9-11 and Paul’s quote from Job 41:11 (remember from our study of Job that Job was very concerned about God’s justice: he thought since God was just, God would hear his plea and find him not guilty, but later in the book Job begins to accuse God of being unjust)?
- (c) What difference do these facts about God and man (vs. 34-35) make in your daily life?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 11:33-36.** Again we find a “for” beginning a verse! How does v. 36 support/explain v. 35?
- (b) What does the first sentence in v. 36 teach you about God and His work, and why is this important? What are the consequences for your life if you forget this truth?
- (c) Explain the phrase “To him be glory forever.” How, exactly, do you accomplish this in the every day details of life?
- (d) Take a moment to consider what you have learned in Romans 9-11 and write your own doxology.
- (e) What questions remain for you concerning Romans 9-11? How will you find the answers?

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*Soli Deo Gloria!*

*In Romans 11:33-36 Paul breaks out in a doxology  
in which he conveys 3 truths about God.*