

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 8, 2014

Passage: Romans 16:25-27

Memory Passage: Romans 16:25-27

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 16:25-27 & Romans 1:1-17.** What similarities do you find between Romans 16:24-26 and 1:1-17?
- (b) Which doctrines or passages from Paul's letter to the Romans are brought to mind in Paul's doxology (vs. 25-27)?
- (c) Much of the sentence found in vs. 25-27 is made up of phrases that modify the main subject. What is the main subject and verb of this long sentence? In other words, who/what is the main point of the sentence, and what is the main action described?
- (d) Summarize Paul's teaching in the doxology using one short phrase of no more than three words.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 16:25-27.** Considering all the abilities God has, why does Paul focus on His ability "to strengthen?"
- (b) In what 2 ways does God accomplish this strengthening?
- (c) How does the world attain strength, and how does God's strengthening differ?
- (d) Explain how you are strengthened "according to the gospel" and "according to the preaching of Jesus Christ."

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 16:25-27.** What is the "mystery" of which Paul speaks (v. 25)?
- (b) How can the OT Scriptures ("the prophetic writings") "disclose" the "mystery that was kept secret for long ages" (in other words, how can the mystery be *both* kept secret in *and* revealed through the OT)?
- (c) What impact should this summary have on your passion for the missionary task: God has commanded that the revelation of the mystery, disclosed through the OT Scriptures, be made known to *all* nations to bring about the obedience of faith?
- (d) Why is the phrase "obedience of faith" important for what Paul teaches in Romans (cf. 1:5 & 16:26 in which he begins & ends Romans with this phrase)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 16:25-27.** Of all the attributes of God that Paul could praise, why does he choose "only wise" in v. 27?
- (b) How is this glory given to God "through Jesus Christ?"
- (c) What do the phrases "kept secret for long ages" & "be glory forever" tell you about God's character & God's work?
- (d) How do you reflect and proclaim the glory of God that He is worthy to receive?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 1-16.** Read the entire letter to the Romans in one sitting and then do the following:
- (b) Write down any questions that you have about what Paul has taught. Be ready to ask these in your Sunday school class to stimulate discussion.
- (c) Write your own doxology. Sound doctrine should produce doxology, or put another way, learning about doctrine should produce worship.

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From Doctrine to Doxology

In Romans 16:25-27 Paul concludes the letter to the Romans with a doxology in which he praises 3 aspects of God's work and character.