

ROMANS 16:25-27
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FBC SUMMIT STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION

Prior to the lesson, gather some popular books that teenagers are reading. You might also gather some of the books students are reading in the classroom. Allow students to talk about the books and their opinion of them.

What makes these books different than the Bible?

Do you believe the Bible is true?

How do you know the Bible is true?

Many people see the Bible as a book of rules, a list of things they should or should not do. They do not understand that through the Bible, God communicates His desire for people to return to Him, to know Him, and to follow Him.

DISCUSSION

> HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 16:25-27.

How would you summarize the gospel story?

Who are some of the prophets who talked about the coming Messiah (Jesus)?

When you first began to realize your need for a relationship with Jesus, how did the Bible show you what you needed to do?

What characteristics of God did Paul identify in these verses? Which stands out to you the most? Explain.

Why do you think Paul ended his letter to the Romans this way?

How have you seen God's might? What have you learned about His eternity? His wisdom?

What are some ways you can praise God for His might, eternity, and wisdom?

What are some ways you can help other people see the God of the Bible?

GOING DEEPER

Do you think most people's praise of God is based on their present circumstances or on the unchanging truth about who He is? Explain.

If you could say just one thing about God to everyone you know right now, what would it be? Who is one person you know you need to say that to this week?

APPLICATION

What are three words you would use to describe God's work in your life? In the world?

If you were going to write a letter to some friends who need to grow in faith, what would you want to tell them?

Name one way God has spoken to you through this study of Romans.

PRAYER

Read Romans 16:25-27 out loud together as a prayer to close your group time.

COMMENTARY

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When it comes time for Paul to conclude this greatest of all epistles, he summarizes much of what he said in the first five verses of the letter. The focus is on the gospel of Christ, given through the revelation of an Old Testament mystery, as the power of God unto salvation so that all—Jews and Gentiles (the nations)—might be saved. Here is the essence of what he is saying: Now to Him (v. 25) ... to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen (v. 27). God's wisdom is the focus. What has God done that is so wise that makes Him deserving of glory? Between his opening and closing words, Paul specifies why God deserves glory: because He is able to establish you (save you). Paul then lays out the wisdom of God: in the gospel Paul preaches, a long-hidden mystery has been revealed so that all the people of the earth might reclaim the obedience to God lost in the garden by Adam and Eve:

- The means: My gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ.
- The mystery: according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God.
- The mandate: That all nations might believe and obey him.

For that, Paul says, God deserves glory—and He does. That God, out of His own loving initiative, designed a plan by which disobedient men and women might once again obey Him and regain their heritage as children of God, is worthy of glory.