ROMANS

The Depths of His Riches

ROMANS 11:33-36

Sunday, October 18, 2026 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Dave Winters

Believe in his **WISDOM**. (v. 33-34)

riches Romans 2:4; Romans 9:22-23

God's wisdom Job 12:13; Isaiah 55:8-9

God's wisdom means that God always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals.
— Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology, p. 193*

Recognize his **GIFTS** to you. (v. 35)

God's independence Job 4:11; Acts 17:25

God's independence means God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify him and bring him joy .
— Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology, p. 160*

humility, grace, & gratitude Revelation 4:11; James 1:17

Acknowledge his **GLORY**. (v. 25-32)

glory Revelation 5:11-13

Christ our power and wisdom 1 Corinthians 1:22-24

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

life groups Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You
Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with one another as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

Tell us about a place that made you feel small in the best way: a canyon, an ocean, a night sky, a mountain. Where was it, and what was it like to stand there?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. 📖 **Read Romans 11:33-36.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Paul has just spent three chapters working through some of the hardest questions in the letter, and he ends with "*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*" (**Rom 11:33**). Why do you think he finishes with praise instead of one more explanation?

   - What is something about God's ways you don't understand? What do you tend to do with it?

3. 📖 **Read Isaiah 55:8–9.** God says his thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are higher than ours as the heavens are higher than the earth. What is the difference between trusting God's wisdom and needing to understand it, and which one do you find yourself reaching for?

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Welcome to Wawasee community bible church

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.

Secure Son/Daughter
I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.

Courageous Connector
I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.

Ready Storyteller
I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.

Legacy Builder
Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 11:33-36 (NLT)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

33 Oh, how **great** are **God's riches** and **wisdom** and **knowledge**! How **impossible** it is for us to **understand** his **decisions** and his **ways**!

34 For who can **know** the **LORD's thoughts**? Who **knows enough** to **give** him **advice**? 35 And who has **given** him so **much** that he **needs** to pay it **back**? 36 For **everything comes** from him and **exists** by his **power** and is **intended** for his **glory**. All **glory** to him **forever**! **Amen**.

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4. Paul asks, "*Who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?*" (**Rom 11:35**). Most of us keep score with God without ever saying so. Where do you see that happening: in prayer, in obedience, in serving, in how you respond when life goes badly?

   - When life gets hard, what does it look like to keep trusting God's wisdom without needing him to explain it?

5. 📖 **Read Acts 17:24–25 and James 1:17.** God does not need anything from us, and he is the one who gives everyone life, breath, and every good gift! If everything you have came from him, how does that shape the way you see yourself and the way you talk about your life?

   - What is one good thing in your life you don't always think of as a gift?

6. Paul closes with "*For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen*" (**Rom 11:36**). Pick one area of your life: your work, your family, your money, your plans. What changes in your thinking if you remember all of it comes from him, is held together by him, and is headed toward him?

   - Where are you most tempted (even subconsciously) to take the credit that belongs to God?

Taking It Home

7. Paul ends with worship, not a to-do list. This week, what is one specific thing you will thank God for as a gift you did not earn, and who will you tell about it (as a **Ready Storyteller**) so that he gets the credit and glory?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

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