

The Walk Romans 11:36-12:2

Key Scriptures

Romans 11:33-12:2 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" ³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

¹Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

² Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God— what is good and well-pleasing and perfect.

Key Point: The proper motivation for living for God must come from an understanding of who He is and what He has done for us.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- When and where have you done the most walking in one day?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- In John 8:12, Jesus speaks about walking in darkness. What do you think He is telling us in this passage about our walk?
- Romans 11:35 is a quote from Job 41:11; But Paul also uses it in 1 Corinthians 2:16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.** What do you think Paul means here? See the context of 1 Cor 2:16 for more help.
- It has been said that there are three epic statements in Romans that are pivotal in the life of the believer: Romans 5:1, 8:1, and 12:1-2. What makes each of these so important?
- What do you think the word "therefore" in Romans 12:1 is referring to? Why does this matter? What is Paul asking us to do "therefore?"

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Romans 12:1 tells us that our motivation for obedience to God is based on His mercies. Do you ever obey God out of fear? What would change if you obeyed Him out of gratitude and a desire to please Him?
- Share with the group what you feel are some of Gods special mercies to you that you have experienced.
- If you had to explain the vastness of God to a person who was not a believer, how might you use Romans 11:36 to show them?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- How will you keep God's mercies in view this next week?

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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