



Romans: Doxology
Romans 16:20-27
Ray Cortese, November 24 & 25, 2018



November is
BEFRIEND
month.
Who are you
befriending?

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 How would you define “doxology” in your own words? Had you heard of the term before this sermon?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

DOXOLOGY – OUR GOD ESTABLISHES

- 3 What are some indicators that our culture is adrift and unanchored to any ultimate truth?
- 4 God establishes us so that we can withstand the storms of life. Have you gone through a storm recently in which you were forced to rely on God?

- 5 God establishes us through the gospel. What is the gospel? How is the gospel different from religion? Is our hope anchored in keeping the rules or in Jesus' performance?
- 6 Explain what Ray meant when he said, "The gospel is not an excuse for licentiousness."

DOXOLOGY – OUR GOD INCLUDES

- 7 Why is it significant that Paul included greetings from Tertius and Quartus?
- 8 Discuss the following quote: "From birth we are looking for a face that is looking for us."
- 9 Ray said, "When God treats you with dignity, you treat other people the same way." Is there someone whom you have recently treated with outrage instead of dignity?

DOXOLOGY – OUR GOD TRIUMPHS

- 10 Read Romans 16:20 and Genesis 3:15. How are the two verses related?
- 11 How should living the Christian life be like watching a recorded football game?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?