

The Doctrine of God's Glory

Romans 16:17-27 | Romans 14-16: From Faith For Faith, Pt. 6 | Good Shepherd Community Church | March 7-8, 2026

Big Idea: Don't let anyone or anything distract you from the doctrine and the delight of God's glory.

Opening

- What is a place in creation that most vividly reminds you of God's beauty, power, or presence? Why does it affect you that way?

Read & Reflect

- Read Romans 16:17-27 aloud.
- Observation: What stands out to you in these verses? Why is verse 27 the key verse?

Section 1 – The Gospel is the good news about the Glory of God (Romans 16:25-27).

- Read Romans 16:25-27 again. When you hear the phrase “the glory of God,” what comes to mind? How did Greg's definition (“the display of His infinite beauty and worth”) deepen or clarify your understanding?
- Think about Abraham's example in Romans 4:20–22. How does trusting God (faith) actually bring glory to God?
- Where do you personally struggle to trust or treasure God's character? What tends to compete for your attention or affection?
- What is one way you can more intentionally gaze at God's beauty this week (through Scripture, creation, worship, prayer, etc.)?

Section 2 – The Gospel is the display of God's Wisdom and Love (Romans 16:27)

- Greg quoted the definition: “Wisdom is knowing the greatest goal and the best way to achieve it.” How do you see this reflected in the story of Jesus?
- He described salvation as the way that humbles us and exalts God. Why is this not only wise, but loving?
- What does it mean that giving people God is the greatest expression of love? How does this reshape the way we view sharing the Gospel, or serving others?
- Where do you see God's wisdom at work in your life right now — even if it's through something difficult or confusing?

Section 3 – Don't let anyone or anything distract you from the Glory of God (Romans 16:17-20)

- Read Romans 16:17-20 again. Paul warns the church to “watch out” for those who create obstacles and divisions. What does this practically look like today?
- Greg shared the Grand Canyon parable about being distracted from glory. What “selfie moments” or temptations in your life most quickly turn your back to God’s beauty?
- Paul calls believers to be “wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.” What helps you cultivate discernment and avoid spiritual naivety?
- Why is distraction from God’s glory spiritually dangerous? How does Jeremiah 2:11–13 illustrate the seriousness of seeking satisfaction anywhere other than God?

Next Step Takeaways:

- With God as His Family:
 - Memorize the doxologies in Romans 11:34-36 and 16:25-27 and make them your prayers to God each day as you do.
 - Identify one distraction you need to “watch out for and avoid” this week — and one step you will take to turn your gaze back toward God’s glory.
- With Others as His Servants:
 - Register and attend the “Sexual Integrity 101” class.
 - Help one another fight for faith and freedom to glorify God in the area of sexuality.
 - 8 weeks starting Sunday 3/15 from 9-10:45am
- On Mission as His Missionaries:
 - Pursue the good of our country for the glory of God (see Jer. 29:10).
 - Pray for our leaders, our service men and women, and our veterans (see 1 Tim. 2:1-2).
 - Thank God for His hand in providing our freedoms and our blessings and ask Him to extend these same freedoms and blessings throughout the world. (see 1 Peter 2:16-18)
 - Save the date for our Patriotic Service and Picnic as we celebrate God’s glory and grace in connection with the 250th birthday of our country on 6/27-28.