



Community Group Study: Soli Deo Gloria

The Courage to Be Protestant - Part 5 | Romans 11.36 | week of September 3

GETTING STARTED

- List some ways in which people whom you know (you can leave out their names) pursue earthly glory, in some form or fashion?
- Why is it important, when speaking with an unbeliever, to try to understand the purpose for which he or she is living life?

Read Romans 11.36.

DISCUSS & APPLY

- What does Paul mean when he writes that all things are “from” God?
- What does Paul mean when he writes that all things are “through” God?
- What does Paul mean when he writes that all things are “to” God?
- Which one of those three prepositions (from, through, to) in this verse is hardest for *you* to believe? Why?
- Why is the pursuit of glorifying yourself or glorifying something other than God inevitably 1) a waste of time, and 2) worthy of God’s judgment?

- Within the context of Romans 11.33-36, *what* makes God worthy of *all* glory? What about the Gospel of Jesus Christ makes God worthy of *all* glory?
- Just because someone intellectually “gets” that God is worthy of all glory does not mean that he or she will live accordingly. What are some things in *your* life that make it difficult to pursue God’s glory in all things?
- The Gospel can be summarized in one sentence: “But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Galatians 6.14). What does this have to do with the glory of God for *your* life?
- How does Romans 11.36 (or Galatians 6.14) thrill you? How does it challenge you?

NEXT STEPS

- What is one Christian discipline you can set up to help you avoid the tendency to bring glory to someone or something other than God?