



Resources

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Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Sermon Outline:

1. A God Who is Able (16:25)
2. A Gospel that is Personal (16:25)
3. A Mystery that is Revealed (16:25-26)
4. A World for His Redemption (16:26-27)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- This Sunday's guest preacher was a missionary in Ethiopia for many years. He began by telling our Church that he wants to share that which is most precious to him - the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. What does this opening statement tell you about his ministry? If you were asked to share a testimony of God's work in your life, how would you begin?

- Bill told a story about how God sent his family to Ethiopia - because one line on his resume showed that he had installed a sprinkler system and the Ethiopian government wanted his help. How has God used a seemingly insignificant gift, skill, or experience to change the direction of your life? How have you recently seen God glorify Himself through negligible details?

- In Ethiopia, producing clean water provided a platform for Bill's family to both proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel. What platform has the Lord given you to proclaim with your words or to demonstrate with your actions or both? Why is it important that we both demonstrate with actions and proclaim with words?

- While suffering from the cancer that took her life Bill's mother's last words were: "God is good no matter what." Even though we only know a little about this woman, how do these words testify of God's goodness? If the Lord took your life sooner than expected and your last words would be on your epitaph, what would you want them to be? Would those words testify of your life?

- In Matthew 28:18-20 we see that Jesus' last words on earth were spent declaring to his disciples the importance of His authority, their commission, and His presence with them. How would these words have made the disciples feel? What encouragement do these words provide to us this week?

- As the Christmas season approaches we remember that the long-awaited birth of Christ revealed the mystery of God's plan to redeem His people. We celebrate the incarnation - and the giving of the Holy Spirit - because in these we realize that God gave us Himself. This is the greatest gift. How can we respond to this revelation of the mystery as we begin to behold the wonder of Christmas? (See Romans 16:26)

- Take some time as a group to pray for Ethiopia, Ukraine, and other countries where war, disease, famine and other disasters provide opportunities for the Gospel to be proclaimed and demonstrated.

