



The Greatness of God

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION

QUESTIONS: Romans 5:12-21

I. Introduction:

Question: What is the essence of true Greatness?

II. Affirm: True Greatness Belongs to God

III. Affirm: Jesus is the Key to understanding true greatness.

1. A helpful reading strategy – turn to the Gospels to understand Paul.
2. The glory of God is His self-sacrificing love for us, revealed through the cross of Jesus Christ.

IV. Marvel at God's grace

V. Recognize: The gift is not like the trespass

- How much more?
- It's great than the result!

VI. Receive His Love

1. Overcome the blockers
2. Invite the Holy Spirit to Fill You

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

- LOVE
- INFINITE
- RIGHTEOUS
- GOODNESS
- JUSTICE
- MERCY
- GRACE
- ONMIPRESENCE
- PERFECTION
- HOLINESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- IMMUTABLE
- WISE
- OMNISCIENCE
- SOVEREIGN
- BEAUTIFUL
- ETERNAL
- SELF-EXISTENT
- KINDNESS
- OMNIPOTENT
- INCARNATE
- CREATIVE
- SPIRITUAL
- JEALOUS
- RIGHTEOUS
- TRUE
- PERSONAL
- TRIUNE
- LIVING
- COMPASSIONATE
- HONEST

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What was your favorite game as a kid? What did you like about it?
2. In what ways do you feel like you are winning at the game of life? In what ways do you wonder if you are losing?

Reflecting on the Message Together

Read Romans 5:12-21

1. What stands out to you about this passage?
2. Share a time when you experienced a profound sense of God's greatness.
3. Look at the list of 31 attributes of God. Which one do you find most interesting? Why? Which one raises the most questions for you?
4. Why do you think John points to the cross as the place where God's glory gets most clearly revealed?
5. Why is the gift of God's grace not like the trespass of Adam?
6. Is it possible for the cross of Christ to become dull instead of marvelous? Why or why not?
7. Both life hardships and our mistakes can be major road blocks for us believing God loves us. Which is a bigger obstacle? Why?
8. How did God speak to you through the message?
9. How can we pray for one another?