Study Guide for March 24th, 2013. Praise to Our Incomparable God. Romans 11:33-36.

Introduction: When have you been awestruck by God's wisdom, power and grace?
What hymn or song aptly puts into words those sentiments for you?

I. Three Exclamations: God's Plans are unimaginably WISE. (Rom. 11:33)

A. What idea does the word **depths** bring to mind when used here and in . . .

1) Rom. 8:39: 2) I Cor. 2:10: 3) Eph. 3:18:

B. What associations do you think Paul is making with the terms . . .

1) riches: (See also Rom. 2:4, 9:23, 10:12 & 11:12)

2) wisdom: (See also I Cor. 1:18-25, Eph. 1:8 & 3:10, Col. 2:2-3)

3) knowledge: (See also Job 5:9 & 11:7, Ps. 139:6, Rom. 8:29 & 11:2)

C. How does Paul describe God's **judgments** and **paths (ways)**? What does he mean?

II. Three Questions: Human Beings will NEVER be God's Equal. (Rom. 11:34-35)

A. Read Isaiah 40:12-14: What does the prophet declare about the character of God?

B. Read Job 41:11: What is the writer claiming about man in relation to God?

C. Restate these rhetorical questions as declarations about God. (for example)

1) (vs. 34a) No human being can fully understand the mind of God.
2) (vs. 34b)
3) (vs. 35)

D. When have you attempted to do what cannot be done with God (Question C)?

III. Three Affirmations: God is SUPREME and Deserves Eternal Praise. (Rom. 11:36)

A. Match the affirmation of God and his actions with the appropriate preposition.

1) God as Creator: a) **through**

2) God as Sustainer: b) **to**

3) God as Goal or Heir: c) **from**

B. As a result of who God is and what He has done, what does Paul ascribe to Him?