

SERMON NOTES

Sunday 8th May
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Bible passage: Romans 11.33-12.2

Introduction

- Canal – beautiful but not the sea!
- How big is your God?

1. Romans 11.33-36: Doxology

- Doxology: expression of praise to God
- Reminder of how big God is (sea not canal)
- God is a lion not a cat

2. Romans 12.1-2: Response

- Sea continuing to form and change environment
- God creates us, saves us and transforms us
- Let him transform our minds so see the world as he does

Conclusion

'Therefore...Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'

Romans 12.1-2

Some questions for discussion

1. What are you grateful to God for today?
2. Read Romans 11.33-12.2. Is your God big enough?
3. 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. (Isaiah 55.8). When have you been glad of this?
4. What do you understand by the command 'to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice' (12.1)?
5. Looking back, how has God transformed you? Are there other areas of your life where your mind needs to be transformed so you see the world as God does, not as the world?
6. How might you need to renew your mind (12.2) when you think about finances and giving?
7. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through this passage? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

'Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?'
For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen. (Romans 11.35-36)

Why not spend some time thanking God for his generosity to you and ask him to transform you more?

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