SERMON NOTES

For the week of: Sunday, August 6, 2023

Teaching Series: *Romans*

Message Title / Pastor: “What Is Your Why?” - Pastor Joel Slater

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

Today, in chapter 11 of Romans, the Apostle Paul reminds us that the world ought to see the power of the gospel at work in all those who believe so vividly and convincingly, that they want what we have. Paul describes attaching ourselves so closely to Jesus that we draw our very life from Him and produce evidence of that connection. Being a disciple is being a Learner of Jesus: learning to BE like Him, and learning to DO what Jesus did. And as we pursue this in our everyday, ordinary life, the people we engage with, just like people in the days of the early church in Rome and throughout the New Testament world, will ask a version of “why?” Why do you follow Jesus? Why do you invest so much time and resource into His work? Why do you talk differently, live differently, love differently, forgive differently, give differently? And you’ll be able to answer, “I’m so glad you asked.”

SCRIPTURE

- Romans 11

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for helping us discover our “Why?” Reminding us that our relationship with God is an individual relationship. Give us opportunities to grow closer to You. Thank You for making room for us so that we can make room for others. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

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