



Small Group Discussion Notes

Romans: The Letter that Changed the World

Chosen by God

Romans 9

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Warm Up

How comfortable are you with allowing other people to be in control?

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 9:1-13

Why would Paul be so passionate about the wellbeing of the people of Israel?

What blessings does Paul point to as having been received by the Israelites?

Does simply being a descendent of Abraham guarantee a person to be a part of God's family? Why or why not? (Vs. 6-13)

Read Romans 9:14-18

How does it make you feel to know that a person's inclusion in God's family does not depend on our own effort or family of origin, but rather on God's mercy?

How did God work through the hardening of Pharaoh's heart? (See Exodus 7:3, 14:4)

Read Romans 9:19-29

What are your initial reflections to the example of the potter and clay? How does this impact your thinking on God's role in your life?

What is the personal significance of salvation coming by faith rather than nationality for Gentiles (non-Jewish people)?

Read Romans 9:30-33

Why does pursuing righteousness through good works, cause us to stumble?

Next Steps

How does this chapter speak to both God's just and merciful nature?

How would you say God's sovereign will, and the responsibility of humankind work together?

How do you have a better understanding of God considering this chapter? What questions has this chapter raised for you?

How comfortable are you with divine mysteries?

Final Thoughts

Take time to pray for God to enlighten our hearts and minds as to His sovereign will.