

Community Group Guide

Romans 9:1-33 | Week 11 | 4/13/2014

- 1. What is it that so deeply grieves Paul? (vv. 1-3)
- 2. Have you every grieved in this way? When?
- 3. What does Paul mean when he says that God's word has not failed? What word? Why might people think it had failed? (vv. 4-6)
- 4. Why does Paul say that Christ comes from them, rather than belongs to them (as the other privileges)? (v. 5)
- 5. Rephrase verse 6b in your own words.
- 6. In what ways can we be religious and not be uniquely Christian?
- 7. God chose Isaac and not Ishmael. He chose Jacob and not Esau. Why is it important to know that God's choosing is not on the basis of works? (vv. 7-13)
- 8. Why is it not unjust for God to save some and not others? (vv. 14-18)
- 9. Reflect on this quote from John Stott, "The wonder is not that some are saved and others are not, but that anyone is saved at all."
- 10. What would be the just thing for God to do? (Romans 3:23-24)
- 11. Leon Morris says, "neither here nor anywhere else is God said to harden anyone who had not first hardened himself." As this applies to Pharaoh you can see this illustrated in Exodus 8:32.
- 12. Why are there some Jews who are lost? (vv. 30-33)
- 13. What does Paul pray for in Romans 10:1?
- 14. What is Paul's hope in 11:13-14?
- 15. How does Paul reveal his evangelical heart in 1 Corinthians 9:12-23?
- 16. How should we respond when our hearts grieve for those who do not know the free gift of salvation?
- 17. How does knowing that salvation is the work of God and not the work of man effect the way you evangelize?
- 18. Pray.