

UNASHAMED GOSPELERS

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ROMANS 9

Introduction

1. Ask God for a _____.

2. Be Confident That God is at _____.

3. Expect _____ - Redirect Your _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. What topic (besides God or family) do you enjoy talking about? Why? Are you able to talk about Jesus as openly and enthusiastically? If not, why not?
2. Read Romans 9:1-3. What was Paul so worked up about? Why did this trouble him? (Hint: See 1 John 5:11, 12.)
3. Name three people with whom you regularly interact, but who don't know Jesus as Savior and King. How would you describe your level of concern for their salvation (honestly)?
4. Read Luke 19:41, 42. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem? What advice would you give yourself for developing a broken heart for people without Christ?
5. Read Romans 9:4, 5. What did Paul's fellow Jews have going for them, spiritually speaking? How did these assets spiritually blind them (per the sermon)? What would this problem look like in contemporary terms?
6. Read Romans 9:10-15. Why did God choose Jacob and reject Esau (trick question)? What two paths to salvation are contrasted in the closing line of v.11 and the opening line of v.12?
7. Explain Unconditional Election (per the sermon). Why do those who hold this view believe that it is necessary for God to choose people for salvation (i.e. as opposed to God waiting for people to choose him; hint in Ephesians 2:1). Why do those who hold this position believe it is not unfair for God to choose some and not others?
8. Explain Conditional Election (per the sermon). How does Romans 8:29, 30 seem to support this position? How is it possible for people to make a faith decision if they are spiritually dead?
9. What do Unconditional Election and Conditional Election have in common? How was this truth illustrated in your own conversion? Why should this truth give you confidence when you're talking to others about Jesus?
10. Who hardens Pharaoh's heart in Romans 9:17, 18, and Exodus 14:4? Who hardens Pharaoh's heart in Exodus 7:13? From these two contrasting perspectives, explain how heart-hardening happens.
11. Based upon Jesus' words in Luke 9:5, 6 and Paul's words in Acts 13:46, what should you do when people reject your Good News about Jesus? Do you think this means to shut the door on family and friends who initially rebuff you? Explain.
12. What are two things that you will put into practice from this study?