



Discussion Guide

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Romans 9:1-5

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Read verses 1-5

1. What emotions does Paul express in these verses? Why do you think he feels so strongly?
2. How does Paul describe his connection to his people, the Israelites? How had Paul been treated by 'his people' after his conversion? (See Acts 9:17-30)
3. What privileges and blessings does Paul list that belong to Israel? Briefly explore the value of those blessings to followers of Christ today.
4. Of the blessings you just explored, which one(s) do you find particularly meaningful for yourself? Why?
5. What do these verses reveal about Paul's view of God's promises and the Messiah's identity?
6. How does this passage shape your understanding of compassion, identity, or calling?