DGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

MONTEREY CHURCH

"Chosen"
(Romans, Part 18)
Pastor Bryan James
March 14, 2023

*W*ELCOME In one word, what is the greatest challenge you have faced this month?

*W*ORSHIP "Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Christy Nockels
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvtaGtTeMpI

*W*ORD Romans 9:1-18

1. What stood out to you in the message this week and why?

2. **Read verses 1-5.** What is Paul lamenting in these verses? Why was his heart so grieved for the Jews?

3. **Read verses 6-8**. How does the birth of Ismael symbolize works or effort? How does the birth of Isaac symbolize faith in the promise of God? Discuss how this addresses how grace would be imparted on the Earth.

4. **Read verses 9-13.** "It's not by tradition, it's by the decision of God that men and women are called into ministry and used by God." These verses talk about being "chosen" and called. How does this parallel to the call for Salvation but also the calling *through whom* there will be Salvation?

5. **Read verses 14-18.** "God will save who God will save based on his foreknowledge and his sovereignty." Share your thoughts on this section*. (Is it fair? Do you struggle accepting the mystery that we do not have the mind of God? How can we rest in what we know about the character of God as we study these verses?)*

6. **Application:** Pastor Bryan said, "How do I prepare for the harvest I can't create? I prepare the workers as God prepares me." How do you think God is preparing you individually in this season, and as a church, to be ready for His promised move at His appointed time?

*W*ITNESS *Reference verse 17-19.* God is sovereign over Salvation and the responsiveness of all people (the Author of Creation has authority over Creation!) There is the responsibility of humans and the sovereignty of God… we hold on to what we know about his character and allow for mystery. **Action:** With this understanding and posture, create space to approach the throne of Grace and pray for those that you profess to love, that they, too, would know the love of God through Jesus Christ. As the Holy Spirit leads you to witness, be obedient.