

ROMANS 9:1-5

A HEART THAT BREAKS LIKE GOD'S

Big Idea: True assurance in God's sovereign grace does not produce pride or apathy, but a broken, burdened, and compassionate heart for those who do not yet believe.

A HEART THAT TELLS THE TRUTH (*Romans 9:1-2*)

- Why does Paul feel the need to emphasize that he is telling the truth and not lying? (e.g. 2 Corinthians 11:31)
- What does Paul mean by "My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit?" (e.g. Romans 8:16)
- What does Godly sorrow mean and what does it sometimes look like in the Christian life? (e.g. 2 Corinthians 7:10)

A HEART THAT BEARS THE WEIGHT OF THE LOST (*Romans 9:2-3*)

- Although Paul is speaking in hyperbole, what does his willingness to be "accursed" reveal about the depth of His love for unbelievers?
- When was the last time you felt real grief over someone's spiritual condition? (e.g. Luke 19:41)
- If Romans 8 makes us shout (nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus), then Romans 9 should make us weep (there are many who do not know Christ). What is a Christian's response to this reality?

A HEART THAT STEWARDS BLESSINGS (*Romans 9:4-5*)

- What blessings does Paul list God had given the Jews, and why does he list them? (e.g. Romans 3:1-4)
- Spiritual blessings must be stewarded well. What are some of the blessings God has given His Church and how can we steward them well? (e.g. Luke 12:48)
- Why does Paul end this section by affirming Christ as "God over all"? (e.g. Colossians 1:15-19)