

Romans 12:12 (ESV): Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer

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Personal Study Questions: **ROMANS 9:14-29**

How have you seen God's love, patience, and kindness cause some people to only become more hardened against God?

How is your heart toward God? Is there any part of your heart that is hardening toward God?

Look up the places where the Bible uses the analogy of the potter and the clay that Paul uses (Isa. 29:16; 45:9–11; Jer. 18:1–6).

Go over all of Romans 9 and make note of everything God does to save sinners.

Group Discussion Questions:

Who can you think of, in addition to Paul, that was not seeking God when God found them?

If you had to pick one word to define your heart when God found you, what would that be and why (e.g. hard, broken, fearful, hopeful, selfish, tender, etc.)?

How is your heart toward God? Is there any part of your heart that is hardening toward God?

Since God can change hearts, who can we be praying for (without gossiping about by not disclosing their name and full identity) as their heart right now is not for God?

Personal Study Questions: **ROMANS 9:30-10:13**

Read Isaiah 28:14-29 and 64:1-65:25 since Paul quotes portions of it throughout Romans 9-10.

Read Deuteronomy 30 since Paul quotes it in this section of Romans.

Even if you do not yet really believe that God predestines people for salvation, if it is true, list the ways it would be actually more loving than allowing everyone to go to hell because they are a sinner?

Are there any people you know that you are shocked God chose to save?

Be honest and spend some time considering all the reasons God should not have chosen you, then prayerfully thank Him for choosing to save you.

Group Discussion Questions:

How do the doctrines of predestination and election give you hope for people who may not have heard about Jesus, the unborn and young children who die, as well as the possibility of last-minute death-bed conversions for some loved ones?

Honestly, how would your life be worse right now if God had not inserted Himself in your life and chosen to love, forgive, save, and serve you?

Romans 10:13 (ESV): For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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Paul talks about people he really wishes would be saved. Who are those people for you and how can we be praying for them?

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What surprising contrasts are there in 9:30, 31?

Who is the 'stone' (9:32, 33)? How does his being 'in Zion' help us to understand?

What does it mean to 'stumble over the stumbling stone' (9:32, 33)?

Why does Paul think it is worth praying for the Israelites (10:1)?

What is the difference between trying to establish our own righteousness and submitting to God's righteousness (10:2–4)? Who is God's righteousness, and how does the connection with 9:32, 33 help us understand this?

What does Moses mean by Leviticus 18:5 (quoted in 10:5)?

Read Deuteronomy 30:11–14 (and also the whole of Moses' sermon in Deut. 29:2–30:20).

a. What do you think Moses meant by telling them they could do the law?

b. How does Paul help us understand the full meaning of what Moses had said (10:6–10)?

What is Paul's main emphasis in 10:11–13?

In what ways do we begin to treat relationship with God as a matter of our own initiative? Why does this appeal to our pride?

How does it help us to understand the safety that comes from submitting to Jesus the King?

What kind of excuses do we make for not doing what the Bible teaches, and how does the passage 10:6–10 undermine our excuses?

What will it mean for us really to grasp that the word of Christ can bring rescue to anyone?

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