



**Small Group Discussion Questions  
(Romans 9-11)  
October 11, 2018**

1. What is the primary question Paul is addressing in Romans 9? Given the historical context and theological argument of Romans, why do you think Paul anticipates this question?
2. Read through Romans 9 and count the references to the Old Testament. Why do you think understanding these references is so important for us to understand the argument Paul is making? Consider the reference of the Potter and the clay in light of Jeremiah 18:1-10, and then Isaiah 29:13-16. Why is the Lord shaping the clay the way He is?
3. Compare Romans 2:5 with 9:22. Who is ultimately responsible for wrath, and why? How do Ezekiel 33:11, 17; Ezekiel 18:23; 2 Peter 3:9; and 1 Timothy 2:4 inform this passage?
4. What opportunity does Israel's rejection of the Messiah afford the Gentiles? Considering Isaiah 19:23-25; Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:5-8; Psalm 67:1-5; Isaiah 42:6-7, 43:9-12, 45:22, 49:6, 52:10, how does Israel's rejection fit into the history of salvation? What does this teach us about God's ultimate plan?
5. What does Romans 9 teach us about God's ability to pursue and save? As Gentiles, what does it mean for us to be included as full children in the family of God? Spend some time as a group briefly sharing how God has transformed your life, and thank Him that even though Israel failed, the Word of God never fails.