



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 21: JUNE 7 & 10

LEADER INFO:

Our Summer Semester will run from June 4 – August 12. Disciple Groups will then be on break from August 12 until September 3.

SAVE THE DATE! August 4 from 9:00am-12:00pm is our Annual Disciple Group Leader Celebration! We want to honor you and celebrate all that God is doing in our Disciple Groups! Keep a look out for more information to come!

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Serve Day is coming up on July 14! This is a great way to cultivate community within your Disciple Group while serving the community! [Click here to sign up to serve as a Group!](#)

TEXTS: ROMANS 9:1-10:4

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

This week we see a big shift from what we've previously seen in the first 8 chapters of Romans. As Paul unpacks the history of Israel, we learn that God is full of mercy and compassion, He works and has always worked through election, and that He cannot be unjust. Though Romans 9 might complex us, conflict us, and comfort us, it should also compel us.

THE POINT: IN MERCY, GOD CHOOSES WHOEVER HE WILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING SALVATION IS IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE!

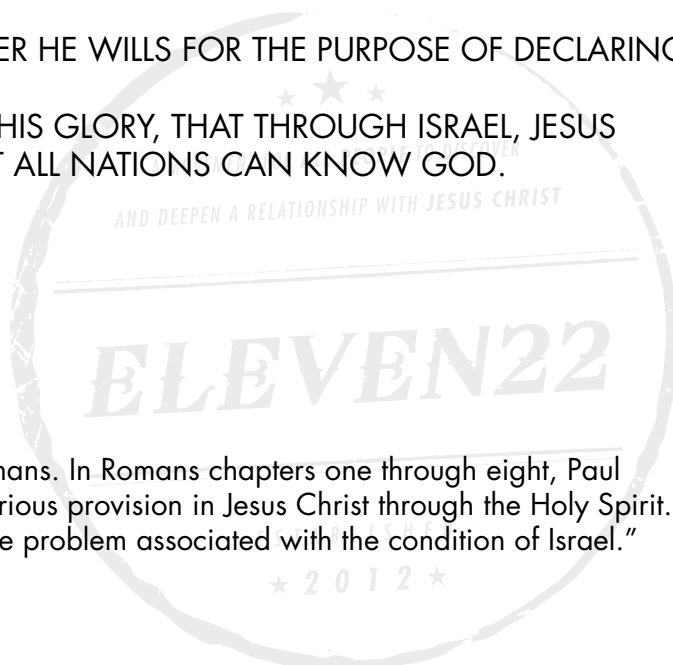
GOD SOVEREIGNLY CHOOSES ISRAEL TO SHOW HIS GLORY, THAT THROUGH ISRAEL, JESUS CHRIST WOULD COME AND MAKE POSSIBLE THAT ALL NATIONS CAN KNOW GOD.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read read Romans 9:1-13 out loud.

"Chapter 9 brings a slight shift in focus to the Book of Romans. In Romans chapters one through eight, Paul thoroughly convinced us about man's need and God's glorious provision in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Now, in Romans 9 through Romans 11, Paul deals with the problem associated with the condition of Israel."

- From David Guzik, Blueletterbible.com



1. Why did the people of Israel “miss the Messiah?”
(God gave Israel the tabernacle, the temple, and an invitation to know their God in Worship – no other nation was given this invitation. Israel was the only nation in which the promise of the Messiah was entrusted. To fulfill these promises, through the lineage of Abraham, would come the Messiah. Through the nation of Israel would come the One who would save all nations, yet so many missed Jesus. Many chose their religion and practices over relationship and presence.)
2. What is the parallel between the people of the nation of Israel and “Christians” today?
(Our present condition is similar to that of the people of Israel because not everyone who claims to be a Christian is truly a follower of Jesus Christ. The same is true for the people of Israel; not all of the physical descendants of Jacob (Israel) inherited the promises of God. In the same way, we can go to church and have a lineage of faith, but without surrendering your life to Jesus, you cannot be saved.)
3. What does the fact that God uses election tell us about His character?
(God uses election to give mercy so that His name would be praised! Election at its very core is an act of mercy because there is nothing we could ever do to earn or deserve a relationship with God. We are not accepted by God based on where we were born or what good works we can do. We are accepted by faith and faith alone. This is a mercy of God!)

Have someone read Romans 9:14-29 out loud.

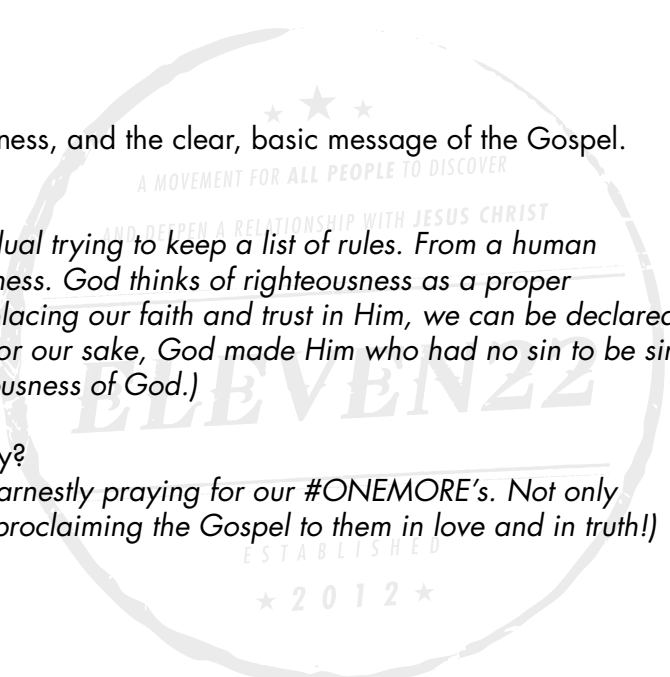
These verses start off clearly explaining that God is never unjust – in fact it is against His very nature to do so. His actions are in no way dependent upon, or in response to, human action. We then learn more about God’s character through examples presented in the Old Testament.

4. Why did God allow Pharaoh to rise in power?
(Pharaoh was given his throne so that the power of God might be displayed and so that the name of God would be proclaimed. Pharaoh’s rise to glory was so that the Glory and renown of God could be proclaimed. God can glorify Himself both through His mercy and through a man’s hardened heart.)
5. What do these verses say about God’s character?
(God gave Adam and Eve a gift in the garden of Eden – free will. He gave us free will as well. In creating mankind, He didn’t want a bunch of puppets on a string. All of humanity has the ability to make their own choices and go their own way.)

Have someone read Romans 9:30–10:4 out loud.

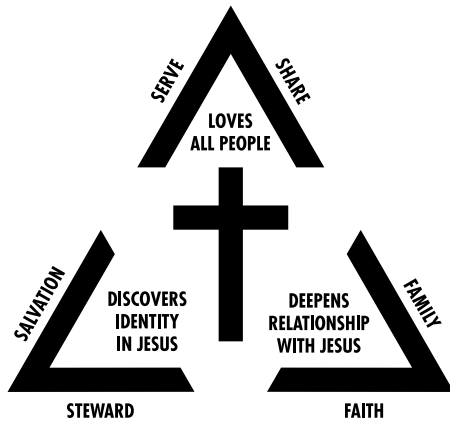
In these verses we receive another vital lesson on righteousness, and the clear, basic message of the Gospel.

6. What is righteousness?
(We sometimes think of righteousness as an individual trying to keep a list of rules. From a human perspective, all have missed the mark of righteousness. God thinks of righteousness as a proper relationship between Himself and His people. By placing our faith and trust in Him, we can be declared righteous. Remember, from 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For our sake, God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.)
7. In what way does Romans 9 compel you personally?
(This passage in Romans should compel us to be earnestly praying for our #ONEMORE’s. Not only should we be praying for them, but we should be proclaiming the Gospel to them in love and in truth!)



DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

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A disciple is someone who...



While God is the One who draws people unto Himself, we should be praying earnestly that He uses us to invite others to know Him! This week, we encourage you to commit to setting time aside to intentionally pray for your #ONEMORE's. A good way to remind yourself to pray specifically for your #ONEMORE is to write their name on a sticky note and place it somewhere where you will see it throughout the day. Every time you see the sticky note, take a minute to pray for that person!

