

Romans 9: 1 - 13

The Marvellous Privileges of Israel and the Mysterious Purposes of God



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Romans 9:1-13

1. Read Romans 9:1-13. Notice the contrast between the beginning of this passage and the conclusion of Romans 8. What has taken the apostle Paul from glorious confidence to this expression of unceasing sorrow and anguish?
2. What are Israel's ongoing privileges? Read 9:4-5.
3. Who are truly "Israel" according to Paul's words in 9:6-9?
4. What was God's "purpose of election" for both Esau and Jacob?

The Scriptures – Romans 9:1-13 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. Read Genesis 25:21-26. Summarise the story of the births of the twins. What does God declare concerning their lives?
6. Read and discuss Romans 8:28-30, a passage in which Paul also writes about God's "calling".
7. What is Paul's response to God's calling in Romans 10:11-13? How do we all participate in God's calling?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Romans 9:1-13 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. Do you think it is unfair of God to call people? How has this study impacted you?
9. Perhaps one or two in your group could share the story of how and when they put their trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
10. How can we pray for you as you continue in your discipleship?