

Suggested Discussion Questions for 5/29/2022 Message:

What's Up with the Jews?, pt 1 (Romans 9)

1. If you could add something to "The Museum of Failed Products," what would it be? Why?
2. Read Exodus 32. What are the common elements with Romans 9:1-2? What do these verses tell you about Paul's heart?
3. How do you develop compassion for lost people? Where are you in that, and what might stir your sorrow and anguish?
4. For all God's graces given to Israel, their history records repeated rejection and spiritual idolatry. Why do you think this is? (See if you can find some biblical explanations. Deuteronomy is a good place to start.) How do you see similarities with our world today?
5. How would you state the problem Paul raises in verse 6?
6. What are your greatest challenges in coming to grips with God's sovereign choice?
7. What are some of God's sovereign choices specifically recorded in Scripture? How would history, our world and our personal lives be different if He did not make these choices?
8. How does Paul wrestle with the apparent charge that God's mercy to choose some and not others implies injustice or otherwise impugns God's character?
9. How does Jesus' parable of the laborers in Mt 20 give insight to the merging of the mercy of God, sovereign choice, and justice/injustice?
10. Check out Isaiah 29:13-16; chapter 64; Jeremiah 18:1-17. How do they provide background and added insight to Paul's use of the potter and clay metaphor in this passage? What are the warnings and encouragements that come from rightly seeing our place as clay?
11. What stands out to you most in this passage? What is your greatest take away?