

Below are follow up questions for you to consider related to today's message "Has God's Word Failed?" from Romans 9:1-33.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Look through the chapter and find all the references to the Old Testament. Why does Paul pick those passages? What can we learn from his method for answering spiritual questions?
2. Look through the chapter and find all the references to God's sovereignty. What can we learn about the character of God from these?
3. What is God's purpose of election (v. 11)? What would happen if it did not continue?
4. For what purpose does God raise up Pharaoh (v. 17)? What do we learn from this verse about God's power? God's purpose?
5. Look through the chapter and find all the references to human responsibility. What can we learn about our accountability to God from these?
6. How did the sermon compare divine sovereignty and human responsibility to the gears in a transmission?
7. What is the difference between honest questions from people about God's character and the questions posed in vv. 19-20?
8. How does Romans 9 answer the question: "Has God's word failed?"
9. How does v. 33 reveal two ways to encounter Jesus? Where have you seen these in your life or the lives of others?
10. If this chapter leaves you with big questions, what step can you take to address them?
11. How can this chapter leave a believer dazzled by God's greatness? (cf. Isa. 46:9-10)

## Quotes from the Message:

"The wonder is not that some are saved and others are not, but that anybody is saved at all." - John Stott

"God did not have to save any. If he saved one, it would be a great act of grace. Here he saves a vast number of guilty people, out of his grace alone, having compassion on whom he will (9:15), as is his right (9:16-25)." - D. A. Carson

## Baptism Testimony:

We rejoice with Ellen Schaaf!

## Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

Blessed Be Your Name - Beth and Matt Redman

Freedom - Christa Black Gifford, William Matthews, and Matthew Sparks

Lamb of God - Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, and Meredith Andrews

Man of Sorrows - Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

Worship Leader: Matt McCartney

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**Next week:** Israel's Failure; Romans 10:5-21