

## **The Letter to the Romans**

### **Salvation for the Jews**

**Wednesday, September 9**

**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

## **Reading**

**Chapters 9, 10, 11**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Questions to Consider**

### **Chapter 9**

1. In these three chapters, Paul agonizes over the reality that the majority of the Jews of his time rejected Jesus and the Messiah. Most Jews saw Jesus as a failure at best and at worst as a traitor to Judaism. Paul believed that Jews could not receive salvation unless they professed a belief in Jesus as savior. Two thousand years later the vast majority of religious Jews still do not accept Jesus as the Messiah. Do they remain in relationship with God? What should our relationship with religious Jews be?

2. Paul states the case for the sovereignty of God (Romans 9:6-23). This will later be used in the predestination debate within the Christian church. What is predestination? What does the church teach about grace and predestination?

### **Chapter 10**

3. We routinely use labels, some of them not kind, to describe each other, even in the church. Paul in many places advises us not to be proud because we believe we have special status, including in Romans 10:11-13. Are we succeeding in following his advice? What can we do better?

### **Chapter 11**

4. Paul makes the case that "All Israel" will one day be saved (Romans 11:25-29). How can this be? Will it be in the name of Jesus Christ? If not, in what name?

**What does this segment of Romans mean for me today?**

## **Closing Prayer**