

Week 26 – Questions to Consider

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is the best dessert or candy ever created?

Romans 9 ~ Romans 10 ~ Romans 11 ~ Romans 12 ~ Romans 13

1. What was a verse or passage that impacted you this week? What was a verse or section that was particularly difficult? What do you think about Romans 9? Is it easy to understand? Do you think it could be one of the most difficult chapters in the Bible? Why or why not?
2. Paul starts Romans 9 & 10 (Romans 9:1-2 & 10:1) with a description of his love for the lost (“my heart’s desire and pray to God for them is that they may be saved”) and heartbreak over lostness (“great sorrow and unceasing anguish”). Why should we feel similarly? How do we regain such compassion if we find ourselves hardened towards the lost?
3. What does God mean when He says “not who are descended from Israel belong to Israel”? (Romans 8:6). How can we tell if we or someone else is truly saved?
4. What is God’s purpose in election (Romans 9:11,16-17)? Why might we struggle on this topic of God’s sovereign choice in salvation? How does God respond to our struggles on this subject (Romans 9:19-24)?
5. After Romans 9, God speaks very specifically about salvation in Romans 10. How does it answer the question of how someone is saved? (Romans 10:9-10) How is this helpful in leading someone to Christ?
6. Does Romans 10:13 (“everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”) mean that they just need to pray a “salvation prayer” or make a simple statement of faith? What does a sincere, authentic confession or repentance and belief look like over time?
7. Read Romans 10:14-15. How does this inspire you to be more intentional as a witness here & to the “ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8)? What does it mean that “faith comes by hearing” (Romans 10:17)? How did God save you from your sin?
8. What does “chosen by grace” mean (Romans 11:5)? How does Romans 8:30 & Ephesians 2:8 help us understand this phrase better? How does it affect you to know that God chosen you? How do we stay humble and “not be arrogant” in regard to our salvation (Romans 11:18, 20)?

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

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Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)

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This Next Week's New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 27: Romans 14, 15, & 16 ~ 1 Corinthians 1 & 2

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
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