



This Week's Icebreaker Question:

If you had your own late-night talk show, who would you invite as your first guest?

Series Questions:

1. What has God revealed to you?
2. What are you doing about it?
3. How is it changing your life?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Read Romans 9:1-3. Paul talks about the lengths to which he would go to see the Israelites saved. Why was Paul so concerned about the Israelites that he said, "I wish that I myself were accursed and cutoff from Christ for the sake of my brothers"? How do you think about the lost around you? How much anguish and sorrow of heart do you feel over those that are far from Christ? How can Paul's example guide our passion for the lost?
2. Read Romans 9:4-5 and Hosea 11:1. Paul recounts God's favoring of Israel, his Son, by mentioning several blessings that came through the nation of Israel. What is Paul referring to when he says, "to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises"? Why did the nation of Israel fail in receiving the promises of God? After receiving all these things from God, how could they miss the salvation that comes through faith in Christ?
3. Read Romans 9:1. Martin Luther said, "My conscience is captive to the word of God." Why is it so important to have a conscience that is captive to the Word of God and in this passage specifically the Holy Spirit? What role does the conscience play in the life of the believer? As believers, how can we train our conscience to come in alignment with God's Word?
4. Read Romans 9:1-5. What are the practical takeaways the believer can learn from this passage? Particularly, what can you learn about God? What can you learn about salvation? What does this portion of Scripture teach us of God's justice, mercy, sovereignty and glory?
5. After hearing the message today, are there areas of your life that you can identify where you need to make changes? How can we reach those in our lives that are unchurched and in need of a Savior? Do you need to ask God to help you be more passionate about the lost? What can you apply from the message today to change your life?