

Sermon Discussion Questions
The Beginning and End of Responsibility
Romans 9:18-33
August 5, 2018

1. You heard Terry Stevenson’s testimony. A few of you share in the group your testimony of how God has brought you along in your walk with Him and how He has used His Body—the church—to help nurture you on your journey.

2. Romans 9:22-23 tells us that God is patient for a specific reason, can you see why in v.23? Read Exodus 34:6; Romans 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Peter 3:9 and talk about how those verses stir your heart.

3. Romans 9:22 Jeremy explained how the “prepared for destruction” is not something that God does, but that people do it by their own free choices. Read and discuss what Jesus said about people making this choice to go down a path that leads to destruction in Matthew 7:13-14.

4. There are warnings the Bible gives to us that God will come and carry out His justice on the earth. Read Matthew 24:15-44; 2 Peter 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and see if you can pick out the *APPLICATION* those passages tell us in light of Christ’s return.

5. Romans 9:30 and 32 tell us that we must live a life of faith. Jeremy said it means we decide to depend on the Lord. How have you decided you need to depend on the Lord in the last week?

6. Remind yourselves what the promise of Romans 9:33 (the last phrase) says. If someone said to you, “I did put my faith in Jesus but I was disappointed; He let me down.” How would you respond to him or her?
 - a. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and discuss how Paul dealt with “disappointment” in His walk with the Lord and how we can learn from him.