



**NOWTHEN
ALLIANCE
CHURCH**

STUDY GUIDE

For the sermon on May 17, 2020

Romans 9-10

REFLECT | REVIEW

Review and reflect on the Scriptures and important points of the sermon.

In Paul's outline, we find that chapter 9-10 are moving from thoughts about who we are as God's new creation and now focusing specifically on Israel for a few chapters. We discuss a large part of that in these two chapters but more will remain next week.

You can break Romans down broadly into 4 parts (These titles come from N.T. Wright and Michael Bird).

1. Unveiling God's righteousness (1-4)
2. From new covenant to new creation (5-8)
3. God's faithfulness and Israel's unbelief (9-11)
4. Faithfulness and fellowship in the wider world (12-16)

ENGAGE | ENCOURAGE

Consider together what God is asking you to do and encourage each other.

Read **Romans 9:105**. Paul uses language of lament as he grieves what he longs to be true for all Jews but finds that many of them have missed. In doing so, he lists many of the privileges that the Jews had under the old covenant. What do you think has happened to those privileges? Do they rest with the Jews, are others invited into them, or are they taken from the Jews and transferred to others?

Romans 9:6-29 talks about the story of God's people from the promise to Abraham through the Exodus from Egypt. What is the reason Paul may have included this history and understanding? (Pastor Nate offered two: a theological purpose and a practical one).

Romans 9:30-33 talk about faith coming to the Gentiles through faith, while many Jews missed it by being focused on works. What do you think the Israelites "stumbled" over?

Read **Romans 10:1-4**. What does it look like today for people to trade God's righteousness and try to establish their own? Why do so many fall into this trap?

In verses **5-13** Paul makes clear that our works aren't what is necessary and that the law is incomplete in saving us. What does he say is more important? Who is this available to?

Romans 10:14-17 talk about what we who have received this salvation should do with it so others can receive it as well. What is the clearest thing we should do? Do you believe you have been "sent" to do it? (why or why not).

LOOKING AHEAD

Read chapters **11-12** before next week's sermon. Think of any questions you may have on what they meant then, and how they apply to us today. Reach out to someone you trust with those questions if you don't feel they get answered specifically next week.