

FAC Small Group Questions

Sunday Sermon – April 23, 2023

Icebreaker Opening Question: With the arrival of Spring and the warm weather, yard work becomes a necessity. Do you enjoy yard work? Do you have a garden? Flowers? Do you consider a joy to welcome in spring, or are you more of a fall/winter person?

Romans – In the Grip of Grace- Read Romans 9: 1-5, 10: 1-21

1. What is Paul saying in 9:3? His heart is broken for the lost of Israel. What does that say about our hearts needing to be broken for lost people?
2. The Jewish people were very religious and yet Paul said they were spiritually lost, How could this be? Please read 10: 14. How would you get the subject of God's grace in a conversation with someone who was religious and didn't see their need for grace?
3. How would you define 'God's sovereignty'? Can you give a scriptural and personal example?
4. How do you reconcile the tension between man's responsibility and God's sovereignty in the events of our world?
5. God stated, 'I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and compassion on who I have compassion.' How does the character of God help us see these actions of God as good and holy?
6. Paul said that God chose to bless the Gentiles in order to bring the Jewish people saving faith. How does this connect with the need to live a life pleasing to God for the sake of allowing others to see a life in harmony with God's plan?
7. Is there a time you have deeply wrestled with (or are currently wrestling with) God's sovereignty in a situation personal to you? Please share it with the group.
8. What are some practical ways that we can love people as they wrestle through the ideas and Scriptures from this week?

Pray for each other as a group, especially in areas brought up as hard as we wrestle through this passage. End by reading encouraging Scripture as a benediction for your time.