### SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God's plan is Jesus.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Exodus 9:13-19 Exodus 33:7-21 Isaiah 8:11-18 Matthew 21:33-45 1 Peter 2:4-10

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Romans 9:1-33

What choices in life were/are beyond your control?
What do you learn about God from this chapter?
How do you respond to God's authority to make choices?
What gives God the authority to choose?
What motivates God's choices? Is this a new thing?
Why is Jesus a stumbling stone to the Jews?
What is it about Jesus that makes Him a stumbling stone?
What kind of person is most likely to stumble over Jesus?
Why did God give you the ability to choose?

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Praise God for His persistent love and mercy.
Thank Him for the victory that comes through Jesus.
Confess the things that make you stumble and doubt.
Ask God to keep working to make you like Jesus.

### FAMILY RESOURCE

Big Idea: God's plan is Jesus.

### **READ ROMANS 9:1-5**

What are the good things about being Jewish?

Make a list of the good things you get
from being in your family.

### **READ ROMANS 9:6-18**

Draw a picture of your family tree.
Which is more important:
family connections? appearances?
relationships? interests?

### **READ ROMANS 9:19-29**

Should we be mad at God for who He is and what He does?

Have a "recycle creativity" challenge.

Look at what you have made and decide

what you can/will do with each item.

### **READ ROMANS 8:30-33**

What is the most important choice we have to make if we want to be a part of God's family?

Find the biggest rock near your house.

When is a big rock important?

When does a big rock get in the way of what you want to do?

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

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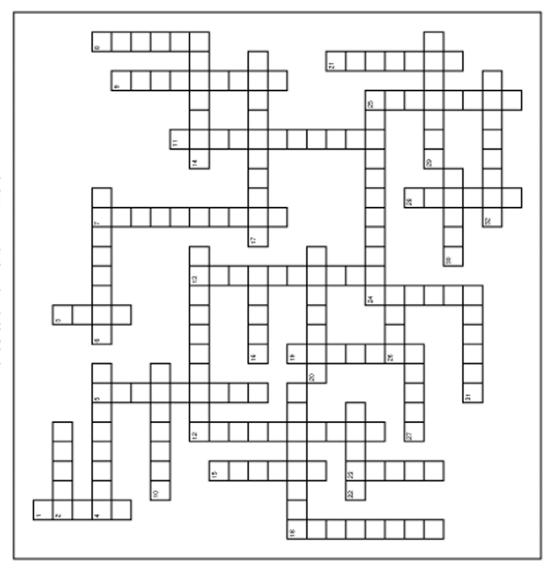


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### ROMANS 9

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- strength and might (Romans 9:17) being made a child of another parent (Romans V; 4;
- ability to wait (Romans 9:22) 9,0,0,4,0,0,0
  - plan (Romans 9:11)
- a male ancestor (Romans 9:5)
- a part that remains (Romans 9:27)
  - effort (Romans 9:12)
- about (Romans 9:27
- an agreement that benefits 2 parties (Romans
  - 6.4
- not older (Romans 9:12) 8.2528
- not younger (Romans 9:12) children & grandchildren (Romans 9:29)

  - tribe or people group (Romans 9:3) helpful compassion (Romans 9:15) a vow (Romans 9:9)
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- splendor & brightness (Romans 9:23) blame (Romans 9:19) decided (Romans 9:7)

- say with words (Romans 9:1)
- used to make pottery (Romans 9:21)
  - children (Romans 9:8)
- active concern (Romans 9:15)
- not fair (Roman's 9:14) never ending (Romans 9:2) ruin (Romans 9:22)
- boldly preached (Romans 9:17) what you think is good & bad (Romans 9:1)
- was unsuccessful (Romans 9:6)
- young sons and daughters (Romans 9:8)
  - things made from clay & baked in a kiln Romans 9:21)
- deep distress (Romans 9:2) not telling the truth (Romans 9:1) wants (Romans 9:16) fell (Romans 9:32)
- made or shaped (Romans 9:20) 28.24.28.8

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