



Sermon Discussion Guide

January 25, 2026 | Romans 9:30 – 10:13 | Brad

SUMMARY

Big Idea: Salvation is a matter of receiving, not achieving

In our verses, Paul continues his explanation for why most of Israel does not believe. He unpacked the sovereign choice of God in election in the previous verses, and now he turns to highlight the sure culpability of Israel for not believing. These verses provide one of the clearest contrasts between religious unbelief with true, saving faith. The Gospel is simple, yet the cause of stumbling; it is exclusive, yet available to all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (A*) = A MORE APPLICATION-ORIENTED QUESTION)

Intro

What are some of your pet peeves? What do you think is the most common pet peeve?

Read Romans 9:30 – 10:4

1. How does Paul contrast the two ways of pursuing salvation – what details does he give?
2. From these verses, how would you answer why it is that people reject Jesus and his gospel?
3. Why are we so opposed to grace, and prefer to view our lives and salvation, as a DIY project?
4. **(A*)** Where are you currently struggling to relate to God solely on the principles of His grace?
5. In what way are “works without faith, worthless?”
 - a. In our day, how does “zeal” often pass for “truth”?
 - b. **(A*)** Have you ever been sincere, yet sincerely wrong?
 - c. **(A*)** Zeal & Truth must be balanced. On which side are you out of balance? Does your level of zeal match and correspond to the level of truth you know?
 - i. **(A*)** What would it mean or look like for you to balance those?

Read Romans 10:5-8

7. How does Paul’s use of Moses (Lev & Deut) support the argument he is making? (that salvation is by faith, and that Christ is the end of the law for righteousness)

Read Romans 10:9-13

8. Paul shifts his emphasis to what saving faith entails.. From these verses, how is anyone saved?
 - a. What does it mean to “confess” and/or “call on the name of the Lord”?
 - b. What essential content must be understood, believed, and confessed to be saved?
 - c. “Jesus is Lord” – In context, who is competing for Jesus’ lordship? How does this inform what we must repent and turn away from, in order to turn to Jesus?
9. From 9:30 – 10:13, where do you see:
 - a. “The Gospel is simple, yet the cause of stumbling”
 - b. “The Gospel is exclusive, yet available to all”
10. **(A*)** How would these verses inform how you could join with Paul in praying for someone to be saved?

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** - That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ
 - b. **Belong** - to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** - to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** - to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)