

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on Sunday, April 23, 2017

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from the Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I
may walk in your truth; unite my
heart to fear your name.

PSALM 86:11 // ESV

this week's memory verse

personal study questions

Read Romans 9:1-13

1. Why do you think Paul had to convince the Jews that he really did love them? Why might the world think that Christian might not love them?
2. Why did Paul have “great sorrow and unceasing anguish” in his heart when he thought about the Jews?
3. Are there any unbelieving friends for which you have this same kind of sorrow and anguish? *Why or why not?*
4. Is it healthy for us to have unceasing anguish in our hearts over the unbelievers in our life? *Why or why not?*
5. What might we do to grow more of this healthy sorrow and anguish?
6. What should we do to help and to love our unbelieving friends? What practically and specifically might you do this week?
7. Can we say that we love our unbelieving friends if we do not pray for their salvation and look for opportunities to share the Gospel with them? *Why or why not?*
8. What advantages had God given the Jews? Why did they not believe in spite of all their advantages?
9. What advantages might keep a person from truly trusting in Christ as our Savior?
10. If God gave the Israelites the adoption, covenants, and promises, did God fail in His attempt to save them from their sin? *Why or why not?*
11. How does Israel’s past history illustrate God’s faithfulness?
12. What does it mean “*not all who descended from Israel belong to Israel*”?
13. What does this passage teach us about God’s election?
14. What is and what is not the basis for a person’s salvation?
15. What encouragement or applications do you find in the doctrine of God’s election?
16. What questions do you have about the doctrine of God’s election? *Spend some time discussing these questions.*