Week 28 - Romans Series

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Romans 9:14-29

Discussion:

- 1. How does Paul respond to further questions about God's fairness in choosing some but not others? What is God's overriding purpose?
- 2. How do the Old Testament quotes in verse 25-29 relate to Paul's argument here? How would these be effective in solving tensions between Jewish and Gentile Christians?
- 3. How do you feel about verse 16? Have you ever wondered about why God chose you to be part of His plan for the universe? What have you concluded? What work do you think God created you for?
- 4. Using a piece of pottery as a metaphor, describe who you are (a water pitcher, a coffee mug, etc.) and how God wants to use you.
- 5. Who are some non-Christians God has used to help you toward spiritual maturity? How has God used them?
- 6. What are five benefits to your spiritual life that have come to you because of where you live? How might these benefits blind you to aspects of God's saving grace? What will you do to insure that this does not happen?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.