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God's Word is very clear:

- God chooses (predestines) those who will be SAVED
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What does this passage teach us about God's sovereignty?

What does this passage teach us about our responsibility?

Why does God change His plans depending on a nation's obedience to Him?

TAKING IT HOME

- 6) Looking back at your notes and homework, is there something you need to remember or change in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of February 13, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we saw that being genuine in your beliefs doesn't necessarily mean what you believe is true. Write down an example of a time when you were wrong (Feel free to be lighthearted or serious)

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching in Romans 9:22-10:21, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we saw how Israel "stumbled on the stumbling stone", which is Christ, because they tried to *earn* salvation rather than *receive* salvation by works. What stands out to you from the following passage?

1 Corinthians 1:21-25 - "[21] For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. [22] For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; [23] but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, [24] but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Why do you think the gospel is "foolishness" to the Greeks?

What are some examples of how the gospel is a “stumbling block” or “foolishness” to people today?

4) Read the following passage, noting any questions or highlights you have.

Matthew 20:1-16 - "[1] *For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4] and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. [5] Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. [6] And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' [8] So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' [9] And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. [10] But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. [11] And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, [12] saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' [13] But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. [15] Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' [16] So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."*

Why do you think those who worked all day started out *happy for work* but ended up jealous?

Why do you think the landowner paid each of the workers the same amount, regardless of how long they worked?

What do you think this passage teaches us about God?

What do you think this passage teaches us about us?

Do you think God is fair? Why or why not?

5) Paul used the metaphor of a potter and clay to show God's sovereignty. Read the following passage that uses the same metaphor. (Note any questions or highlights)
Jeremiah 18:1-12 - "[1] *The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: [2] Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." [3] Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. [4] And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. [5] Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: [6] O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel! [7] The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, [8] if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I*