

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “For the Sake of His Name”**

### **Complement to lesson on 6/04/23 – “Good News for Everyone”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. How have you experienced the faithfulness of God this week?
2. Do you have any non-believing friends/family you are currently praying for?

#### **MEMORIZE – Romans 8:1-2**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

#### **READ – Read Romans 9**

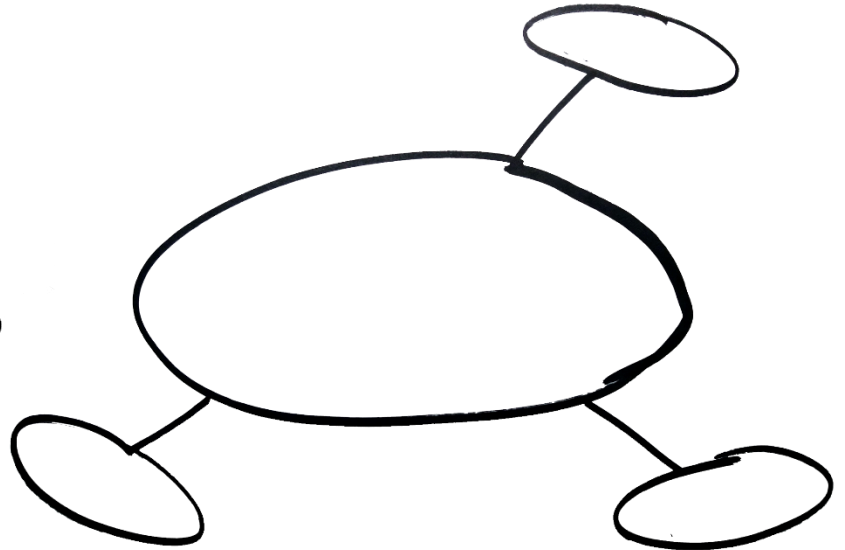
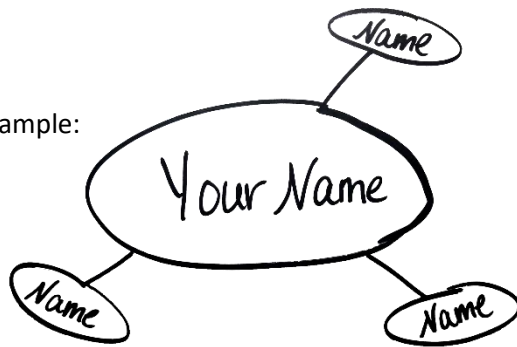
##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
  - b. Is there anything you don’t understand? If so, how could you come to a better understanding? (Consult a study Bible or commentary? Ask a friend, parent, or teacher?)
  - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?  
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. In chapter 9, Paul shows an incredible amount of concern for his “kinsmen,” the people of Israel. How does he feel about them? What stands out to you about his posture? What can this teach us about our concern for friends and family who don’t know Jesus?
3. If God promised to send His Messiah and bless His chosen people, and many of them do not believe and receive the blessing, is God unfaithful to fulfill His promises? If God’s promise to the Jews, His chosen people, remain unfulfilled, how can Gentile (non-Jewish) Christians trust that God will fulfill His promises to them? (Hint: See Romans 3:1-8, 9:6-7, 11:1-12)
4. Verses 14-29 can be tough to understand! Theologian John Stott once said that “The wonder is not that some are saved and others not, but that anybody is saved at all. For we deserve nothing at God’s hand but judgment. If we receive what we deserve (which is judgment), or if we receive what we do not deserve (which is mercy), in neither case is God unjust.” What do you think about this quote? Does it help you make sense of the truth Paul is expressing?

## EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Burden for the Lost

In Romans 9, Paul expresses his “great sorrow and unceasing anguish” at the thought that others will be cut off from Christ. He is truly brokenhearted, and remarkably even expresses a desire to take their place. (Verse 3) Do you have the same level of concern for the lost? The first step may be to consider who in your circle of influence God may be calling you to be an “ambassador for Christ” to. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21) Use the space below to prayerfully consider who God has put in your life, and pray for the chance to share “the hope that lies in you!” (1 Peter 3:15)

Example:



**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Faithful - <https://youtu.be/FJFIY0mwFks>

I Need You - <https://youtu.be/8lmQ4jsKQTU>

Worthy Of It All - <https://youtu.be/Xy74LhBlxn0>

Listen: Disciple- Erase - <https://youtu.be/vF0B8jhG7Qw>

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the series:**

As you go this week, walk according to the Spirit and set your minds on the things of the Spirit. As you do, may you abound with life and peace