

## **Sermon Outline**

### **Romans Series: Does God Keep His Promises? (chapters 9-11)**

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**Main Idea:** Paul's progression in his letter leaves some questioning whether God's promises to Israel have, or will, be filled? In doing so they actually question the character of God. In this section of Paul's letter, Robin helps us to understand the character of God, the nature of His promises and the mystery of how God's will and man's will coexist to bring honor and worship to God and blessing to us his people.

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1. Does God Keep His Promises?
  - I. Who are the people of God? (9:6-13)
  - II. But is this unfair? (9:13-16)
  - III. How can He find fault since no one can resist His will?

#### **Key Text/Quotes:**

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways. For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." - Romans 11:34-36

"So when we wonder, 'Is there injustice on God's part?' it reveals just how flawed we are that we can even ask that question. Of course there is no injustice with God. It is impossible for God to be unjust. He is the very personification of Justice." - Robin Boisvert

#### **Fellowship Starters:**

1. Encourage your group to read Romans 9-11 prior to meeting as a small group. Open your time together by reading 11:25-36 and open in prayer.
2. In general, Romans chapter 9 deals with the topic of election and how salvation is rooted in God's choosing of individuals based on his perfect will and decision to do so (9:16). Chapters 10-11 deal with the fact that our very salvation is at the same time ALSO rooted in our choosing to believe in Jesus of our own free will (10:11-13). While seemingly a contradiction, discuss the challenges that this can be for some and how we should ultimately respond to it. How did Paul respond (re-read verses 33-36 of chapter 11)?
3. The reality of election did not keep Paul from praying for salvation for his Jewish brothers and sisters (10:1). Why? Because he knew that while election is something entirely rooted in God, salvation is available to all who repent and believe in the gospel. And so he preaches and calls for Christians to do the same (10:14-17). Discuss how the Bible's teaching on the mystery of election and predestination should NOT be a deterrent to evangelism.
4. Close in prayer.

