

Sermon Discussion Questions, “*Paul: A Case Study in Love for the Lost*”
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Romans 8:37-9:5

1. Look at the chapter headings and skim Romans 1-3. What is the overall theme of these verses? Do the same with Romans 4-5. What is the overall theme of these verses? Read Romans 5:1-2. What are the blessings of “having been justified by faith?” What attributes (characteristics) of God do you notice in Romans 1-5?
2. Skim Romans 6-8. What do you learn about freedom from these chapters? What incredible promises does Paul make in Romans 8:28; 38-39? How do these verses give you renewed confidence of who you are in Christ?
3. Describe Paul’s mood in Romans 9:1-5? Why is v.3 such a radical statement? Review the following verses for more insight, 1 Thessalonians 2:14-15, Acts 13:45, Matthew 10:28.
4. Look closely at verses 4-5. What are the advantages that the Israelites possessed? Why then, is Paul so brokenhearted? When was the last time that you were brokenhearted for the lost?
5. What are Paul’s motives for his amazing statement in verse 3? Is there anyone you care about so much that you would sacrifice everything? What are you willing to sacrifice so God’s glory might be revealed? How do the Romans 9:1-5 verses, change the way you view people who are without Christ?
6. What is the first thing you should do for your lost family and friends? Read Romans 10:1. What do you notice from Paul’s words? Do you pray for the lost collectively or individually? What steps will take this week in order to be more intentional in your prayer life?
7. If possible, read Romans 11:13-14 in more than one translation. What does Paul do in addition to prayer? Why do you think Paul would communicate in this manner? Why is the way you communicate as important as what you communicate? Think of how you might communicate the gospel in new ways to reach people in today’s world?
8. How would you sum up Paul’s approach to reaching the lost? What example from Paul’s life would you most like to emulate in your own life? Why?