

Bible Study for July 27 – August 2

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: Romans 9:1-5

Notes: Chapter 9 begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

Questions to Ponder:

As a child, were you ever envious of other families? Did you ever want to trade places, switch parents, or adopt someone as your sibling?

Going back to Romans 8:39 where Paul speaks of nothing being able to separate us from God, why do you think he now discusses unbelief? What is it that can separate us from God?

How should each of the benefits he mentions in verses 4-5 have drawn the Jewish people to Christ?

How do you feel when members of your own family don't respond to God's call? Why do you think people are unresponsive to God's call?

In verse 2-3 Paul mentions his sorrow and anguish. How deeply do you hurt for unbelievers? Why?

Has God ever used a non-Christian to help you to understand something new about your faith?

In what area are you growing in your understanding of God's will for your life? What questions would you like to ask God about this?