

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

For the week of 4/21/2024

### For you as the Teacher/Host

Begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**Opener Question or Activity:** Do you remember the moment you said 'Yes!' to Jesus? What details of that moment do you remember most vividly?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Romans 9:1-33

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)*

Read over Romans

1. In verse 3 Paul says that if he could, he'd accept the curse of being cut off from Christ for the sake of the non-believing Jews. Why does he care about them so much? Do you think we have enough compassion for those who don't yet know Jesus?
2. How do we live "fully dependent upon and submissive to God's Word?"
3. What does God's sovereignty mean to you and how does it affect your life?
4. If God chooses us, and "salvation belongs to the Lord", what responsibility do we have in helping Him build His church?
5. Have you ever prayed the sinner's prayer with someone? If yes, please share. If not, why do you think that is?
6. Paul writes about the doctrine of 'justification by faith alone' (again) in verses 30-33. At this point in our Anchored series, is this something you fully understand and can explain? (Law vs. Grace + Works vs. Faith, etc.)

**Apply it today:** What was most important for you to remember today and why?