Israel's Unbelief - Romans 9:30-10:21

Topics: Desires, Jesus Christ, Law, Righteousness, Salvation, Self-righteousness, Unbelievers, Zeal

Open It

- * 1. When have you known someone who refused to listen to any advice or instruction?
 - 2. How carefully do you follow the instruction sheet in a ready-to-assemble product?

Explore It

- 3. By what means have the Gentiles (non-Jews) obtained righteousness? (9:30)
- * 4. What kept Israel from obtaining righteousness? (9:31-32)
 - 5. Over what has Israel stumbled? (9:33)
 - 6. What was Paul's greatest desire? (10:1)
 - 7. What positive trait did Paul recognize in the Israelites? (10:2)
 - 8. What had the Israelites done instead of submitting to God's righteousness? (10:3-4)
 - 9. What is the relationship between Christ and the Law in a person's pursuit of righteousness? (10:4)
 - 10. How did Moses describe righteousness that comes by the Law? (10:5)
 - 11. How does righteousness produced by faith come about? (10:6-9)
 - 12. What were the simple instructions Paul gave regarding personal salvation? (10:9-10)
 - 13. What promise is given to anyone who puts his or her faith in Christ? (10:11)
- * 14. What distinctions did Paul note in the way that Jews and Gentiles obtain their salvation? (10:12-13)
 - 15. What does it take to get the message of God to someone? (10:14-15)
 - 16. How have the Israelites responded to hearing the message of God? (10:16-18)
- * 17. How did Paul answer the argument that the Jews have not had adequate opportunity to hear God's message? (10:18-21)
 - 18. How had the response of the Gentiles to the message of God differed from the response of the Jews? (10:18-21)

Get It

- 19. What makes it hard for Jews to believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah?
- 20. What hinders non-Jews from believing Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior of the world?
- * 21. How can a person have great zeal for God or religious activities and yet be misguided?
- 22. What are the similarities and differences between a sports fanatic and a committed Christian?
- 23. How legitimate are claims by people who profess ignorance about Jesus' identity as Savior?
- * 24. What groups of people in our society resemble the unbelieving Jews of Paul's time?
 - 25. Why is it essential to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead?
 - 26. Why is both believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth important for salvation?

Apply It

- * 27. When could you spend extended time in prayer to bring before God those groups or peoples who have shown little interest in the gospel?
 - 28. Who in your circle of friends and family needs to hear about God's plan of salvation? When?