

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MARCH 21 MEN'S STUDY

### READ ROMANS 9 AND PACKER'S "IS GOD UNFAIR?"

- What main theme of the first four verses of Romans 1 is Paul returning to in Romans 9?
- God's relationship to the Jews is more than just a theoretical, theological question. It is a deeply personal question: "Is God good? Can he be trusted?" How does Paul answer that specific question?
- Who are the two groups Paul distinguishes in Romans 9:6? What differentiates them?
- Why does Paul appeal to Abraham's children and Isaac's children to prove his point about the difference between a child of the flesh and a child of the promise?
- What is the new question Paul deals with in Romans 9:14?
- Compare Paul's answer in Romans 9:15ff with the point he establishes in Romans 1:18-3:20.
- Why does God choose some and not others?
- Paul turns the question around and asserts that the one who questions God has no right to even ask the question (9:20). Does he actually resolve the tension between human responsibility and divine sovereignty?
- What other passages of Scripture teach human responsibility and divine sovereignty side by side?
- What is the Bible's simple logic when it comes to our relationship with God (9:21ff)?
- Why do we have a difficult time accepting that simple logic?