

Romans: Living and Breathing the Gospel
Week 18: Who is in charge?
Romans 9

1. Do you really believe that God is in charge of the universe? Do you sometimes wonder? Why?
2. What is Paul's attitude toward his Jewish brothers and sisters who have rejected Jesus? How does this shape the way you look at Paul's theology? How does Paul's attitude, not his teachings themselves, challenge you personally?
3. What is your response to Paul's tour of the Old Testament? Which reference, or "debate scene," stands out to you? Why?
4. How do you need the truth—that God is good and in charge—to comfort or challenge you today? How does this truth lead you to humble yourself and exalt God?
5. How would you use Romans 9 to encourage someone who seems to have lost hope? What questions raised in this passage do you still need to wrestle with? Who will you have a conversation with this week?