

3. Read Romans 9:30-10:13. In Paul's day, Israel lived under Roman rule, and many Jews believed that if they lived faithfully to the covenant again, God would respond by blessing and restoring His people. Jesus' story felt like a "speed bump" for those expectations because it was not Israel's faithfulness but Jesus'—the one faithful Israelite through whom God now brings blessing to all humanity. How does this story shape the way you think about your own disobedience and the ways God is at work in your life?

4. Paul says Israel was zealous for God, but not according to knowledge (see Prov 19:2). Can you think of a time when passion or excitement led you in the wrong direction? How can you tell whether your passion is pointing you in the right direction?

5. In the sermon, Joe used his family to explain our identity in God's family: you don't become a Henseler by doing Henseler things—you do those things because you already are a Henseler. Where do you notice yourself trying to earn an identity God has already given you?

6. Read Romans 10:14-21. What do you think is important to share so someone can really understand the good news about Jesus? What do you think often keeps us from sharing with others?