Mystery: If God is sovereign what is our role? (Romans)

Romans 9:6-16, 19-21

Romans 10:9-15

God Chose a Nation (Romans 9:6-16)

- Israel was chosen as a Nation of God's people

Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me. Genesis 22:15-18

- "Descendants as numerous as stars" – A nation born from Abraham
- "Through you all nations will be blessed" – Out of Israel the Messiah would come, Jesus
- Israel is an example for us of good and bad
- Choice has consequence – Individually, Corporately, Nationally



God is Sovereign but we have free will (Romans 9:19-20)



- God is the potter who created us and therefore he knows what is best
- We believe in a God who is Sovereign but also gives us choice (Free will)
- Paradox - Opposite ideas that contrast and can seem absurd but on closer inspection can reveal a deeper truth.
- We make decisions and they have an impact for our lives. But when we come to God, as He is in control, we can trust Him.

Salvation – God's work but he uses us. (Romans 10:10-15)



If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14

- We cooperate with God in the work of Salvation. It is a work of the Holy Spirit, but God chooses to use us.

If God is sovereign what is our role?

- Trust God, He knows what he is doing with the nations
- Make good decisions and seek God about them. Trust Him with the outcome. *We do the possible, God does the impossible.*
- Share the good news with other people –
  - Who are you praying for?
  - Who are the people you mix with that don't know Jesus?
  - Could you do something to share your faith?