

# Sermon Follow-Up Study Questions

For the week of March 21, 2010

## **Into the Bible**

Romans 9 is the great (and fearful) chapter exalting the sovereignty of God. These questions dig deeper into Romans 9.

1. Read all of Romans 9. Mark down or write down any of Paul's questions. This is important because the flow of the passage builds around several rhetorical questions.
2. In your own words, how does Paul answer each of his rhetorical questions?
3. The potter and clay analogy wasn't new to the prophets. Write down any other observations you have from these passages or at least note them in your Bible as cross references. See Jeremiah 18:6; Isaiah 29:16; 45:9; and 64:8.
4. Romans 9:15 is a quotation from Exodus 33. What is the context of that chapter?

5. If God could somehow be imposed upon or motivated by anything other than his own glory, would he still be God?

### **Application**

6. These passages severely confront our own self-centeredness. How are you personally prone toward self-centeredness? How does this pervert a clear picture of God?
  
7. On the flip side, how does the knowledge that we are just clay give us hope?

### **Prayer Requests**