1. **Romans 9:1-5**

* Reflect on this passage and share what you believe might be bringing Paul “great sorrow and constant anguish” in his “heart”?
* Have you every felt like Paul for a similar reason?
* What does Paul attribute to the Israelites?

1. **Romans 9:6-9**

* **Genesis 17:15-20**
* What child of Abraham would not be considered a child “of the promise”?

1. **Romans 9:10-24**

* **Genesis 25:21-34**
* Read the footnote on **Genesis 25:26**, and consider this **Old Testament** passage, what was is different about Jacob and Esau’s views regarding the birth right?
* **Genesis 32:23-31**
* Who did Jacob wrestle with and what did they tell him?
* **Genesis 35:9-15**
* Who names Jacob in this passage and what is promised to him?
* **Malachi 1:1-3**
* How does Paul paraphrase this passage in **Malachi** in **Romans**?
* Read the **footnote** for **verse 13** in **Romans** and share what the word “hate” here really means?
* Paul has just reminded a community made up of “Gentiles” and “Jews” about how God selected “Israel” as his chosen people, how might what happened in the **Old Testament** now relate to the condition of the people in Paul’s time?
* What did today’s passages reveal about God to you, please share?