

#### LIFE GROUP PLANNING

#### Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?
Why Did Israel fail to respond to the Gospel? What does it mean for us?



### **Key Scriptures**

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

The Bible Project is a good starting point.

https://bibleproject.com/

Romans 9v29 -10v13

### Warm Up

Think of a time when you have misunderstood a set of instructions. What were consequences?

Have you ever had to be rescued from a mess you made? How did you feel when a rescuer came along?

## Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

On Sunday Chris spoke about 3 things that Israel ignored, The problem, the plan and the saviour.

- v29 introduces the problem that Israel did not take seriously. What was it, is this true today?
- 2. The plan that Israel got wrong was "Righteousness". How did they get that wrong?
- 3. Why is self reliance never going to work as a means of salvation?
- 4. The saviour is obviously Jesus. Israel ignored him. What does Paul say we need to do?

# Growing in discipleship: Practical application

- 5. In what ways does society, the church and individuals ignore the problem of sin? What should we be doing?
- 6. How can we avoid slipping in to self reliance and self righteousness? What are the signs that we are?
- 7. How can we make a simple Gospel message from 10v 9-13. Is it easy to say to someone?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.