**The Call of Sovereign Grace**

***The Right Response of Humble Faith***

**(Romans 9:30-33)**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**1.** What did Paul say in Romans 9:24-29 that would provoke his rhetorical question in v. 30? What surprising situation was Paul explaining to his opponents? How does v. 6 help us understand?

**2.** Read the following passages and explain what righteousness is and why it is such an important biblical concept: Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:10, Galatians 3:11, Romans 4:3-12, 2 Corinthians 5:21.

**3.** How did Israel go wrong in regard to the law of God? In your own words, explain the function of the law.

**4.** In what way(s) did the Jews stumble over the “stumbling stone” (Jesus Christ)? Why did they (largely) not receive him (see John 1:11)? How do passages such as Mark 7:14-23 show us why many of the religious Jews would have hated Jesus?

**5.** In what things are you tempted to find a sense of righteousness (other than Christ)? Why? If you are in a group or with another believer, explain how God revealed your helplessness to you and drew you to Christ. What happened? How did you feel at the time? Why do many people today stumble over Christ?