**The Righteousness of Sovereign Grace**

***Bowing Before the God Who Shows Mercy***

(Romans 9:14-18)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**1.** Read verse 14 and try to explain what objection Paul is answering. Why would someone raise such an objection? Would you raise (or have you raised) this objection? If so, please explain how you worked through it.

**2.** Read Exodus 33:12-23 and explain what is happening. What did the people of Israel deserve (see Ex. 32)? What did God do? Why is his response to Moses (also Rom. 9:15) adequate?

**3.** According to verse 16, what is the basis for the salvation of a sinner? How does this resonate with other passages such as: Psalm 51, Romans 3:21-26, Romans 4:4-5, Ephesians 2:1-10?

**4.** Review the following passages and explain what Pharaoh was doing: Exodus 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 17, 34. Read the following passages and explain what God was doing: Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27. Compare this with James 1:13 and explain how God was righteous in his dealings with Pharaoh.

**5.** In your own words, explain why it is good, righteous, and just for God to do all things for his own glory. Also, explain how God’s exaltation of his own glory impacts your joy. What practical applications can you draw from Romans 9:14-18 regarding the following areas: your appreciation of grace, your humility before God, your reliance upon God in the face of turmoil or fear, etc.?