



## Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

### Title of Sermon: Unexpected Unbelief

Passage: Romans 9:1-5

#### Intro -

1. What kinds of things have you been near to but not gained a love for? For example, I grew up around horses but really can't stand them now.
2. Why does nearness to something that other people love not necessarily lead us to love it too?
3. What is necessary to help pass on a love we have for something, to others we want to love that thing as much as we do? What kinds of things do we do that will lead them **not** to love it?

#### Sermon Points -

1. Unexpected Unbelief Happens
  - a. Why do you think so many of the people of Israel rejected God (Jesus) after following God for so many years of their history?
  - b. Why do people reject Jesus in general?
    - i. Are the reasons different for those who have grown up in the church?
  - c. If you know of a person who once followed Jesus, but now does not, reflect on what happened with them.
    - i. What led them to leave?
    - ii. What would be required for them to return?
2. Unexpected Unbelief Hurts, but is not Hopeless
  - a. How would you counsel someone who has friends or loved ones who have walked away from the faith? What encouragements can you offer them from Scripture?
  - b. The three pastoral encouragements given in the sermon were (1) Remember God keeps those who are his, (2) Don't get stuck in a moment, and (3) Keep praying.
    - i. Which of these is most helpful to you?
    - ii. Which is least?
    - iii. What questions arise in your mind in response to these three encouragements?

OPTIONAL: Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon?

#### Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.