



The Deep End wk6: God's Plan

Introduction: Sometimes we can compare the Old Testament and the New Testament and think that God changed plans. The problem with that thinking is that if God changed plans before, what's stopping Him from doing it again? Can we look at what God has done from beginning to end of Scripture and see that what God has done/is doing is consistent?

Discussion Questions

1. The word "pivot" is used a lot to describe ways that life has changed since the beginning of the pandemic. Can you think of some "pivots" that are here to stay? What are good pivots and what might be negative?
2. Read **Romans 9:6-8** Paul is showing that God's plan has been consistent in that it isn't your blood line that saves you, but God's promise and people's response. Why does this passage matter when you get to Romans 11:26 when he says, "all Israel shall be saved?"
3. Read **Romans 10:4; 10:9-13** What does it mean when he says Jesus is the "culmination of the law?" Can you think of something that Jesus said that was similar? What is he talking about when he says there is no difference between Jew and Gentile?
4. Read **Romans 10:14-15** There is a picture here of the church working together for evangelism. There is going and sending. Does sending/supporting mean that you don't have to speak?
5. At the end of Romans 11, Paul is moved to worship and recounts the idea that no one has counseled God or can grasp all his plans. What do you do when you don't feel like you understand what God may be doing? How can you be faithful when you don't see the whole plan?
6. After reading Romans 9-11, what would you say is the proper attitude for Gentile Christians (us) to take towards the Jews?

Shaping Your Mind – *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! Romans 10:14-15*

Moving Forward – God's plan has always been good, you can trust Him.