

**DOING LIFE TOGETHER**

9. Second Corinthians 1:20 says, “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ.” How does this reminder of God’s trustworthiness and promise-keeping nature encourage you today?

10. How do we make the promise of Jesus the center of our lives and the center of our community with one another?

11. What role do the promises of God in Jesus play as we attempt to share our faith with people who have not yet believed?

**Prayer Requests**

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**May 8, 2016** **Sermon Notes**  
**Does God Play Favorites? Privilege Prepares for the Promise**  
**Romans 9:6-13**

1. Every P\_\_\_\_\_ serves God’s purpose

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John 6:70  
 Matthew 24:22,24  
 Matthew 22:14

<b>God’s Privileges P_____ the W_____ for</b> <b>The Promise</b>
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*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

## **GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK**

May 8, 2016

### **THINKING THINGS THROUGH**

1. How do you build trust and confidence in another person?
2. What makes you more or less likely to trust someone when they make a promise to you? What kind of people are you more likely to trust? Less likely?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### **READ HEBREWS 11:1-12.**

3. Look specifically at Hebrews 11:1-3. What characteristics did the writer of Hebrews use to describe faith in God?

4. Much of Hebrews 11 is a catalog of people in the Old Testament who demonstrated faith in God, one of whom was Abraham. Hebrews 11:8-12 speaks to the same promise as Romans 9:6-13. What was the promise given to Abraham?

5. What do we learn about trust in God's promises from Abraham's example of faith?

#### **READ HEBREWS 11:13-16 AND 11:39-40.**

6. The people we consider heroes of our faith in the Old Testament never saw God's promises come to fruition through Jesus, yet they still believed. How is our trust or faith in God similar to and different from those affirmed in Hebrews 11?

7. What is the good news and hope for us in these verses? How does that truth impact your faith?

8. How does your anticipation of Jesus' second coming and the final fulfillment of God's promises affect your daily living? How should it?