

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

**Lesson Sixteen:** Romans 9:1–5

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1. Chapter 8 ends with such great beauty. Now chapter 9 opens with sorrow and anguish for Paul. What is this regarding?
2. Can you relate to this kind of sorrow for someone you know who rejects Jesus Christ as his or her Savior?

What are you doing with your sorrow?

3. What two aspects of Paul's inner self verify that he is not lying?

Do you think both are important in knowing truth from lying? Why or why not?

4. When was a time your conscience told you one thing was true and the Holy Spirit disagreed?
5. What is Paul's wish from verse 3?
6. Is Paul's wishing something that can ever happen?  
Why or why not? Prove your answer from Scripture.
7. Name the advantages of the Jewish people according to verses 4–5.

8. Define why each thing listed in verses 4–5 is an advantage.

**Going deeper:**

9. What are your spiritual advantages?

10. What would your neighbors, coworkers and family say is your spiritual influence on them?

What aspects of your spiritual influence bring sorrow or anguish to them?

What aspects of your spiritual influence bring praise for Christ in you?