

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During 'Foundations' The Church at Martinsburg will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series more than any we've done before will set the pace and direction for the church. You don't want to miss this as we wade into one of the Bible's deepest and richest books!

Growth Questions for 1/30/11 – 2/6/11

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. How does Paul describe his feelings in verses 1 & 2? What is the reason for this emotion?
3. Why do you think Paul felt it necessary to start this section with a declaration that he wasn't lying?
4. What does Paul mean when he says he could wish himself "accursed and cut off from Christ"? What does this say about Paul's heart toward his "kinsmen"? Towards God?
5. What were the blessings that Paul said belong to the Israelites (v. 4-5)? In what ways has God given these same blessings to those who believe? (See Ephesians 1:3-7 for example)

Living on Mission

Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go

1. Reflect upon your heart toward lost family members, friends, strangers, and even enemies. Do you have a passion similar to Paul's? Is this kind of love the norm for a Christ-follower? What changes might you make to align your heart to God's in regard to those separated from Him?
2. Israel consistently rejected the privileges listed in verses 4-5. Think about the privileges you have received as a child of God. What are they? Have you taken them lightly? What adjustments can you make to actively delight in all that God has graciously gifted to you?
3. Spend time thanking and worshipping God for His gracious gifts to you. Who do you long to see receive the same mercy? Pray for them now for their receptivity to the gospel and for the boldness to proclaim the good news. Share the names of those that come to mind with your group,

your family, and your friends. Together pray for those who are in need of God's mercy.

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Important Dates

- 2/14/11 Valentine's Day on C@M
- 2/19/11 Group Leader Development @ NEC
- 2/26/11 Financial Planning Workshop

COMMUNITY GROUPS – *Community Groups* are groups of people who come together on a weekly basis to promote significant Christian relationships that are centered around the study of God's Word (Hebrews 10:24-25 and Romans 8:29). Groups are available Sunday through Friday.

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...to proclaim the Gospel and reach those far from God.