

**Series: Romans**  
**Message: A Soft Heart**

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**March 9, 2025**

**Life Group Study**

For week of March 9, 2025

Psalms 95 | John 1:10-14 | Romans 2:4; 9:1-5; 10:9-13; 11:33-36

Chapter Nine:

Don't harden your heart like people who rebel against God.

*Instead of hardening your heart, let the riches of his kindness lead you to repentance! (Romans 2:4)*

Chapter Ten: How do you keep your heart from hardening? Confess and believe.

Chapter Eleven: God is keeping his promise to Israel... He will keep his promise to you.

*Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>*

**Share your story**

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

Have you ever struggled with stubbornness with something the Lord wanted you to do? What happened? In what ways has the Lord softened your heart?

What is one way you've seen the Lord be merciful to you this year so far that you can give him thanksgiving and praise for?

**Connect to God's story**

**Read Romans 9:30-33.**

*Having the right parents or being raised in the right tradition does not save. Entering in a love relationship with God saves.* Do you know this kind of relationship? According to this passage, why is trusting the Lord so important?

*The Lord saves us through faith.* What do you think attempting to be saved by your works is so attractive to people? Have you ever fallen for that trap? Why do you think faith is such a struggle?

**Read Romans 10:9-15.**

*People must hear the Gospel (the Good News about Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection) to believe it and be saved. Take a moment to think about the people in your life. Who do you know that needs to hear this Good News from you? What tends to keep you from sharing your faith with others?*

How has the Gospel been Good News for you today? *Consider sharing with your group your story of how you came to know Jesus and how learning to listen and obey Him continues to change your life.*

**Read Romans 11:33-36 and Isaiah 55:6-9.**

*God does the work bringing us into His Kingdom and this gives no reason for pride, but for humility. Take a moment and express your gratitude to the Lord for what he's done.*

Do you keep this kind of perspective concerning the difference between the Creator and the created? Why is humility so important? Do you trust God even when you don't quite understand? What do you do to grow your faith and trust in the Lord?

*God is not finished with Israel. Take a moment and pray for the Jewish people – that the Messiah's love may reach them. Perhaps through you?*

## THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

*Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

### SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

### STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

### SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

### SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)