

## **Play-Doh's Question Life Group Questions**

Warm Up: What was your favorite toy when you were a child?

1. We have looked at Isaiah 55:8-9 several times over the last couple of weeks. Considering the topics of eternity, God's wrath and God's justice, what does this verse now mean to you?

2. Throughout the Scriptures we find people who learned to love, trust and obey God even though God allowed difficult (even cruel) things to happen to them (Ex. Noah and the flood, Joseph and his dysfunctional family, Job and his suffering, Jeremiah and the war crimes he encountered). How difficult is it for you to love, trust and obey God when He does something (or allows something) to happen to you that you don't understand? What things have you done in the past to spiritually survive the illogical sovereignty of God?

3. Read Romans 9:18-24 and discuss the following questions.

- Verse 18 is an explanation of God's sovereignty in the redemption of people — not the role of human responsibility (which is discussed in other places in the Bible). Why is this important to remember when discussing the implications of this verse?

- In verses 19-21, Paul proclaims that humans do not have the right to demand an explanation from God when He behaves in a manner we do not understand. How does this make you feel? How do we accept this especially when considering His justice and wrath on the wicked?

- In verse 22-24, Paul asks two "What if" questions? How does this help us interpret what these verses mean?

4. Many people doubt God's character and intentions when they begin to learn about His justice and wrath. They say it is illogical and unfair. Why do you think people embrace the illogical grace of God but question the illogical justice of God? (Before answering this question your group might want to spend some time remembering some of the illogical graces of God.)

5. Read Ezekiel 18:23, 33:11 and 2 Peter 3:9. What do you find interesting about these verses? Why are they important to know when discussing the justice of God?