

# BECOMING LOVE

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## Talk-It-Over: Week 6

### God Projects

*Spend time going over questions and comments from the this week's sermon.*

Blockbuster Video. A once industry dominating company failed to adapt to the online world represented by Netflix and they went bankrupt. They had successfully operated a business renting video cassettes to people from their bricks and mortar stores all across the USA and much of the rest of the world. Suddenly other distribution methods became affordable and eventually the internet gained the capacity and reach to be able to provide movies on demand via a download service. Blockbuster's executives were aware of the threat posed by Netflix and others on the internet but internal forces meant that Blockbuster was unable to change and went out of business quickly thereafter.

Blockbuster failed to understand that they were in the business of providing entertainment and education through video. The method by which those videos were delivered was not important. They had so much invested in physical stores and physical video cassettes that they did not want to consider changing to meet the world in which they now lived.

Communities of Faith are no different to any other human organisation in this regard. We have an unchanging message to deliver that has to be continually reconsidered in the light of the changing world in which we are called to deliver it.

### Read:

**Romans 9**

### Questions:

1. Have you ever found yourself in a position where you were lost and needed to backtrack to a point where you could find the right way forward?
2. How does Paul feel in v1-5 as he reflects on the position the Jews find themselves in?
3. In verses 6-24 Paul traces a history of Israel focussed on the way God revealed himself to the Israelites. The history shows a gradual development in the relationship and a continual refining of the relationship. In verse 21 Paul implies that the Israelite people are like a lump of clay being formed and refined by the potter but complaining all the while that they are

not being formed the way they want. In what ways are you being formed and refined by God?

4. In verses 25-29 why does Paul quote the Old Testament prophets Hosea and Isaiah? What point is he trying to make?
5. In what ways should we as a community of faith re-examine our calling and allow ourselves to be re-shaped by God?

### Prayer Time:

Pray for clarity of calling

Pray for courage of conviction

Pray for the ability to let go of old ways of doing where needed

### Further Reading:

**Romans 10**

**Romans 11**