

QUESTIONS

Day 1 - Review

1. How did the last lecture, discussion group or commentary notes encourage you?

Day 2 - Romans 11:1-6

2. What did Paul conclude about whether God had rejected His people, Israel?
3. Paul references 1 Kings when the Old Testament prophet, Elijah, appealed to God against Israel. How did God respond to Elijah (verse 4)?
4. What was given Israel, by God's grace (verse 5)?
5. What do you learn about God's grace in verse 6?
6. **? Personal Question:** When have you experienced God's grace (receiving something from God for which you did not work)?

Day 3 - Romans 11:7-10

7. What does it mean in verse 7, “What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain?”
8. From the two Old Testament references in our study today, what do you learn about Israel's “hardening?”
9. **? Personal Question:** Have you ever “hardened” yourself against God and His Word? Describe the circumstances that contributed to that “hardening.”
10. **? Thought Question:** What is the danger in repeatedly refusing to listen to God?

Day 4 - Romans 11:11-15

11. What good did God bring from Israel's "stumble?"
12. Why did Paul say in verse 13 that he "made much of his ministry" to the Gentiles? What was Paul's motive for doing this?
13. **? Personal Question:** Has God ever used something that seemed bad in your life to achieve ultimate good? Explain your answer and refer to Romans 8:28 for help.

Day 5 - Romans 11:16-24

14. In your own words, summarize the root/branch analogy being used in verses 16-21.
15. What is Paul's main admonition to the Gentiles in verses 16-21?
16. **? Personal Question:** After reading these verses, do you have any reason to be arrogant in your standing before God? What arrogance do you need to confess to God now?
17. **? Thought Question:** Using verses 22-24, what hope does rebellious Israel have for their future?

Day 6 - Romans 11:25-36

18. According to verse 25, when will Israel's "hardening" cease?
19. **? Thought Question:** How do Jews and Gentiles "share" in God's blessing?
20. What is the relationship between disobedience and mercy described by Paul in verses 30-32?
21. **? Personal Question:** What can be applied to your own life from the doxology in verses 33-36?