

REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Romans 11

- > Are there people you think are beyond God's reach? People that he has given up on? How does this passage of scripture change this attitude?
- > How does the idea that God saves a remnant to influence an unbelieving world affect the way you see your place in the history of God's story of redemption?
- > Could someone looking at your life clearly see, and so come to envy or be jealous, of the benefits of the Gospel you enjoy?
- > Have you ever experienced a person with arrogance about their salvation? How did this affect your desire to be a part of their community of faith?
- > How does this passage of scripture change your view of Jewish people?
- > As you observe the landscape of unbelief in your world, are you hopeful or hopeless? How do the truths that were shared this past Sunday help change your heart to be a more hopeful example?



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GOD & ISRAEL
Romans 11 ~ JULY 31ST, 2016

Romans 11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means!

GOD DOES NOT REJECT THOSE WHO REJECT HIM

Romans 11:1-6 For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ³ "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." ⁵ So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

**GOD ALWAYS SAVES A REMNANT: A small portion of people
separated & saved to lead others back to God.**

BEING A REMNANT IS A RESPONSIBILITY

Romans 11:11-12 ¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

➤ **AS A REMNANT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE
INCLUSIVE NOT EXCLUSIVE**

Romans 11:13-16 ¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

➤ **AS A REMNANT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ALLOW GOD TO
SHAPE US TO BE A FAMILY OTHERS WANT TO BE A PART OF**

Romans 11:17-24 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

➤ **AS A REMNANT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING LIFE
THROUGH OUR HUMILITY NOT ARROGANCE**

Romans 11:25-27 ²⁵ Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob"; ²⁷ "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

➤ **AS A REMNANT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO REMAIN
HOPEFUL NOT HOPELESS**

What shall we hope for in a hopeless world?

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD

• **Romans 11:27-29**

GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU IS NOT BASED ON YOUR LOVE FOR HIM

• **Romans 11:30-32**

GOD'S WISDOM IS BEYOND OUR WISDOM

• **Romans 11:33-36**