



## **ROMANS CHAPTER 11 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

- Have you ever quit something? Was it a good decision or a bad decision?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (Romans 11:1-36)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Romans 11:1-10**

- In this section of text, Paul wants his audience to know that God’s heart was for the Israelites, and it wasn’t He who rejected them but they who rejected Him. He also wants his audience to understand that even in the midst of the Israelites rejecting God, there were still individuals among the Israelites who chose to accept Him, the remnant.
  - Why is it important to remember that God’s heart is always for people in the sense that He still loves them and desires all people to know Him? In what ways do you struggle to remember that God’s heart is always for you?
    - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

### **Romans 11:11-24**

- Paul refers to the Israelites as “natural branches” in this section of Scripture and the Gentiles as those “those branches that were grafted in.” While salvation began with the Israelites, it was never intended to just be for the Israelites and extended to the Gentiles and part of this was because of the Israelites rejection of God and Jesus. Paul is speaking about the potential arrogance of the “grafted in branches = Gentiles” towards those “natural branches = the Israelites” who chose to reject God.
  - As a Christian, have you ever fallen into the trap of looking down on those who aren’t Christians? Why? What do you think would help us to see all people through the eyes of Jesus?
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      - What do you think this statement means and why is it important to remember when seeing and loving people? “All ground is level at the foot of the cross.”
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### **Romans 11:25-36**

- Reread verses 30-31. Why is it important to remember where you have come from in the sense of what God has done for you and is doing for you? How do

you personally do this? How does doing this allow you to love other people more fully?

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  - In what ways are you sharing the story of God granting you mercy with those around you?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Romans chapter 12)

## **ROMANS CHAPTER 11 (STUDENT)**

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