



## Discussion Questions • Romans 11:11-24

1. When you look at the way God has dealt with Israel in the Old Testament, what lessons do you learn from it all?
2. What do you think that God has in store for the future of the Jewish people?
  - a. Has he replaced them with the church?
  - b. Or does God have a future plan for them?
  - c. How does what is written in Romans 11:11-24 help to answer these questions?
3. God's providence is on display in this passage. The fact that God used the wicked unbelief of the Jewish people to open a door for the Gentiles shows that even when people disobey God, it ultimately serves his greater purposes.
  - a. How have you seen things like this in your own life - bad things that have happened to you - that have been ultimately turned for your good and your spiritual growth?
  - b. How do you feel about those bad things now that you see how God has used them?
4. In Romans 11:19-22, Paul really focuses on the fact that unbelieving "branches" have been broken off and believing "branches" have been grafted onto Israel's tree. He sees this as a warning for any who would abandon their belief in Jesus, claiming that if God broke off unbelieving Jews, he will certainly break off unbelieving Gentiles.
  - a. What does all this say about the state of those who do not continue to follow Jesus?
  - b. Is persevering in the faith something that God does (Romans 8:31-39; Philippians 1:6) or that we do?
  - c. Can it be both? How?
5. Is there hope for those who have turned away from God according to Romans 11:22-24?
  - a. What does a person who has been hardened to God have to do in order to be welcomed back?
  - b. Do you know of people who have left the faith and returned again? What was their story?
  - c. What kinds of things lead people to return to a faith they once abandoned?
  - d. What kinds of things cause them to persist in being hard to the faith so they don't return?
6. **Application (in light of what we learned about God in the above study)**
  - a. What do you believe God is calling **you** to **do** next?
  - b. What do you believe God is calling **us** to **do** so we can **reach** out to non believers?

### Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.