



## PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS – Awaken, oh you Dormant Remnant Community Group Study Guide Romans 11:1-15 – Week of October 2, 2022

### 1. Awaken, oh you Dormant Remnant!

As Christians, we long for the day when Jesus will return and restore all the brokenness of this world. However, we must remember that God has already provided us with marching orders to fulfill. We are called to preach the Gospel to the whole world, as a testimony to all nations. Once this is accomplished, then Jesus will return. Our response to this promise should be motivation to obedience; motivation to preach the Gospel.

This mission that we are called to accomplish should shape how we view our eschatology, or the end times. This is what Paul is driving at in this passage... What happens to the Jewish people in the end? What, in the end, happens to the people of God? Paul continues to remind us that God will save those who he has chosen to save. That regardless of the circumstances, God is saving a remnant. God is incapable of rejecting those who He foreknew.

Paul uses the example from 1 Kings 19, in which all of Israel seemed to have turned away from God. Yet, even in that circumstance, God has still retained a remnant. While the situation was bleak, God had preserved 7,000 of the people for Himself. One of the reasons that Paul is using this example is because God uses the preaching of Elijah to awaken the remnant. Likewise, we as Christians, we have the calling to preach the Gospel. We obey, so that God might awaken His remnant through the proclaiming of the Gospel.

### DISCUSSION GOALS

#### Head

God always preserves the people that He foreknew. Regardless of the situation, He is Sovereign. He will use His people to call His people.

#### Heart

We should desire for God's kingdom to come, for many to be saved. Our passions for the work of God should be stoked by the promise of what God will accomplish.

#### Hands

Out of our knowledge that God sovereignly keeps a remnant at all times, we should respond with a great desire to call that remnant to God. This motivates us to preach the Gospel.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Worship Night

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

#### Membership Class

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

## **Read Romans 11:1-15**

1. Paul starts this passage by responding to a rhetorical question: Has God rejected His people? In your own words, how does Paul respond to this charge? What does the role of grace signify in this process?
2. Read Verse 8 What is a spirit of stupor? Why/how is this punishment for sin? How do we stay vigilant against the spirit of stupor?
3. **Read Verses 9-10** What is meant by this? How does this change the way we think about evangelism? (Psalm 69:22)
4. **Read Verses 11-15** What is Paul communicating in this passage? How does this passage reflect on both the sovereignty of God, and the responsibility of humanity?
5. When we think about our own testimony, there is a temptation to undervalue it. Why do we feel this way? What is wrong with undervaluing it? What should our response be?
6. What does eschatology mean? How does it affect the way we think of our lives? The way we pursue our ministries?
7. **Read 1 Kings 19:9-18** What is the key take away from this passage?
8. Who have you been actively praying for in regards to salvation? What steps are you taking to engage them with the Gospel? What strategies have proven effective?