



## **Discussion Guide**

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### **Romans 11:1–10**

<sup>1</sup> I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: <sup>3</sup> "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? <sup>4</sup> And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

<sup>5</sup> So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

<sup>7</sup> What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, <sup>8</sup> as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day." <sup>9</sup> And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. <sup>10</sup> May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

#### **Read verses 1–4**

1. How does Paul respond to the question of whether God rejected Israel?
2. Why does Paul refer to Elijah's story? What parallel is he drawing?
3. What encouragement do you find in God's response to Elijah?

#### **Read verses 5–6**

4. What does it mean that a remnant is chosen by grace?
5. How does Paul contrast grace and works in this section?

6. Why is it important to maintain a clear distinction between the two? How have you received grace from God? From others? How might you extend grace to others?

**Read verses 7–10**

7. What is Paul saying about those in Israel who did not receive what they were seeking?

8. How do the Scripture references support Paul's point about hardening? Does this seem unfair to you? Why or why not?