

## Take Away – Unlocking the Kingdom: Grace is Enough

Text: Romans: 11: 1 – 6

Date: 10-30-22



### With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. Why do you think it is important for Christians to have a clear understanding of God's promise to Israel and the grafting in of the Gentiles? How does a clear understanding of this impact who we share the Gospel with?
2. What proof does Paul give in verse 1 of His conclusion that God hasn't rejected Israel?
3. What evidence does he offer in support of this conclusion in verses 2-4? Did Elijah know of this 7,000-person remnant? What was the spiritual climate of that day?
4. If during Israel's darkest spiritual time 7,000 remained, what does this tell us is likely about other times in their history and in our day today?
5. Have you ever struggled with overwhelming guilt and shame from something you've done or said? Have you been super hard on yourself, thinking words about yourself that you'd never say to others? Why do we tend to do this to ourselves from time to time?
6. Describe the "through line" of grace from the beginning, through Israel, and now for the nations.
7. React to: "It is terrifying to think of God rejecting us. True rejection is the removal of mercy and grace. God, nor the church, should reject people made in His image. The church must model something remarkably different today in the midst of our Cancel Culture. God never cancels His people. The church should never cancel each other...nor those made in His image."
8. Which of the following results of acknowledging God's grace upon you and your life is the one that speaks to you the most considering where you are at in your life right now:
  - a. Are you feeling the weight of guilt or shame? Don't be so hard on yourself. You don't have to live in the past. Show yourself grace. Your sin is gone. Grace is enough!
  - b. You don't have to compare yourself to others. Live in your own unique gifts of the Spirit. Rejoice in others. Grace is enough!
  - c. You don't need to win every fight ... grace is enough!
  - d. Whatever you are carrying, give it to Jesus... His grace is enough!

- e. You have been forgiven - God has shown you mercy. Now forgive others and give them grace. Grace is enough.
9. In Romans 9:3 Paul passionately shares that he would be “cut off” from God’s grace if it meant all of the Jews would experience it! Is it possible to have that sort of driving passion for people who do not trust Jesus as their savior? Explain and/or give examples.

## Small Group Leader – Answers

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God redeeming him (Paul).

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God chose the Jews from the beginning, Elijah thought he was alone but God had saved 7,000 others he was unaware of.

13. If during Israel's darkest spiritual time 7,000 remained, what does this tell us is likely about other times in their history and in our day today?

God will not let His Church die, it will remain forever, he will protect it, when we feel alone in today's world we need to remember we are not.

14. Have you ever struggled with overwhelming guilt and shame from something you've done or said? Have you been super hard on yourself, thinking words about yourself that you'd never say to others? Why do we tend to do this to ourselves from time to time?

That is basically saying, "Jesus, I don't know if your grace is enough to help me stop beating myself up..." We know we are sinful and cannot earn God's favor...we forget that God loves us so much that he rectified the situation for us.

15. Describe the "through line" of grace from the beginning, through Israel, and now for the nations.

Read Peter's sermon at Pentecost Acts 2: 14 – 36 and/or Paul's in Greece Acts 17: 22 – 34.

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