



A Faithful Commitment

Romans 11

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Romans 10

1. What big ideas does Paul work to communicate in these verses about: the sovereignty of God, God’s commitment to his people, and the salvation of Israel.

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life

2. How has God shown himself to be “faithful to the ungrateful” and “faithful to the unaware”? Faithful to the “ungrateful” or “unaware” in the nation of Israel? Faithful to the “ungrateful” or “unaware” in New Testament Christians? Faithful to the “ungrateful” or “unaware” you (at times in your life)?
3. Paul had a vision of a church where all Jews and Gentiles would be united in their love of God and in obedience to Christ. While respecting God’s law, this ideal church would look to Christ alone for salvation. A person’s ethnic background and social status would be irrelevant (Galatians 3:28) – what mattered would be his or her faith in Christ. Many Jewish people rejected the gospel. They depended on their heritage for salvation. Often, Gentiles became dominant in many of the Christian churches. Sometimes, they began rejecting Jews and even persecuting them.
 - What historical, ethnic, or social dynamics can confuse the gospel message and faith in Christ alone as the means for salvation?
 - What are the strongest threats to unity in the church today?
4. Some say the phrase “And so all Israel will be saved” means:
 - o That the majority of Jews in the final generation before Christ’s return will turn to Christ for salvation
 - o “Israel” is spiritual term – a spiritual nation – Jew and Gentile both receiving God’s promised gift of salvation
 - o That Israel as a nation will have a role in Christ’s kingdom and their identity won’t be discardedThere are mixed theological perspectives about Israel in our current landscape, however, God chose the nation of Israel, and he has never rejected it. He also chose the church, through Jesus Christ, and he will never reject it either. God will never stop working with either Israel or the church. Salvation is offered freely to all.
 - How has this series in Romans increased your knowledge and understanding of the Jewish and Gentile context of the Bible?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)