

## **Small Group Guide: God's Mercy to All**

**July 19, 2025**

### ***Opening Question:***

What comes to mind when you think about the Jewish people and their relationship with God?

### **Key Takeaways:**

1. God has not rejected the Jewish people; they remain part of His plan.
2. There is a remnant of Jewish believers, chosen by God's grace.
3. The temporary hardening of some Jewish hearts has allowed salvation to come to the Gentiles.
4. Gentile believers are grafted into God's family alongside Jewish believers.
5. God's gifts and calling for the Jewish people are irrevocable.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How does Paul's statement that "God has not rejected His people" challenge common misconceptions about the Jewish people's place in God's plan?
2. Discuss the concept of the "remnant" mentioned in the message. How does this idea apply to both Jewish and Gentile believers?
3. The sermon mentions that it's difficult to define a single common thread among Jewish people. How might this insight affect our understanding of and interactions with Jewish individuals?
4. How does the metaphor of Gentiles being "grafted in" to the olive tree help us understand our relationship to God and to Jewish believers?

5. The message warns against arrogance in our faith. In what ways might believers today display arrogance in their spiritual lives?

6. How does understanding God's ongoing commitment to the Jewish people impact our view of His faithfulness to us?

### **Practical Applications:**

1. Reflect on any preconceived notions you may have had about Jewish people or Judaism. How has this sermon challenged or changed those ideas?

2. Practice humility this week by consciously recognizing that your salvation is a gift of God's grace, not a reason for pride.

3. Research more about Jewish culture and traditions to better understand the context of your faith's roots.

4. If possible, reach out to a Jewish friend or acquaintance and engage in a respectful conversation about faith and heritage, lifecycle events, etc. Ask questions.

5. Spend time in prayer, thanking God for His faithfulness to His promises and for including people from all nations in His plan of salvation.

### **Closing Reflection:**

Read Romans 11:33-36 together and discuss how these verses summarize the main points of the message. How do they encourage us to approach the mysteries of God's plan with humility and wonder?