

The Heart of the Matter

12. How is it possible for someone to try so hard to please God that in the end they actually end up resisting his love for them? When have you experienced this?

13. Like the Jews in Paul's day, are churchgoers today relying more on performance of rituals than on God's grace?

14. How does the church in general struggle with works versus grace? In what particular ways?

15. If they don't provide a means of salvation, in what ways are our works of righteousness still important to God? To others? To ourselves?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Grace of His Sovereign Choice Romans 11:1-16 For the Week of October 18, 2020

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you were a child was there ever an item a friend or sibling possessed that made you jealous?
3. What moments of rejection in your teen years do you remember vividly? Getting cut from the team? Not being invited to a big party? Turned down for a date?

Digging Deeper

4. According to verses 1 and 5 has God rejected the Jews? How might Paul's comments in 9:25 and 10:21 lead someone to ask the question that Paul poses in verse 1?

5. From verse 5 on what basis are Paul and others of the remnant chosen? Why would this be so difficult for his fellow Israelites to Grasp? (V10:3)

6. From verses 5-6 what does it mean that God chooses a remnant by grace?

7. From verses 7-10 list the various spiritual trappings of Israel's spiritual blindness?

8. What relationships does Paul see between the Gentiles and the Jews in verse 11? In what way could the Gentiles make the Jews jealous?

9. From verses 11-15 how is God playing out His plan for the nation of Israel to be a blessing for the whole world? (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 26:4; 28:14)

10. What are the implications of the illustration that Paul uses in verse 16? For the Jews? For the Gentiles?

11. How is Paul's teaching in this passage an important message for the church today? What does it mean for you?