

The Heart of the Matter

12. How has arrogance between groups of Christians hurt the church over the years? When have you found yourself exhibiting too much pride or arrogance in your faith?

13. When someone else receives God's blessing and grace in their life, does that spur you on to seek God all the more, or does it leave you feeling that you have somehow been short changed? Why?

14. Have you been grafted in as a branch into the root of Christ? Who else around you needs to be grafted in?

15. In what ways do you need to express your praise to God? With regard to God's goodness to you over the years, what words and phrases do you personally identify with the most in verses 33-36?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Behold the Severity and Mercy of God Romans 11:17-36 For the Week of October 25, 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. What have been the benefits of healthy competition in your life over the years?
3. What bothers you the most when you encounter an arrogant or prideful person? What have you done to work through things with them? Ignore them? Exercise patience with them? Put them in their place? Try to lead by example? Other?

Digging Deeper

4. In your own words describe Paul's illustration in verses 17-24 of the branches, the wild olive shoot, and the root regarding the Jews and the Gentiles? How is Paul defining each of these olive tree parts?

5. What encouragement would this illustration have for the Gentiles, the Jews, and for us today?

6. Why does Paul want his Gentile readers to be aware of God's plan? (V25) How could pride become a danger for them?

7. In verses 25-32 does Paul mean that every Jewish person will ultimately be saved or that the nation as a whole will experience the salvation of those who believe by faith?

8. What is Paul's ultimate hope for Israel (V26-27)? For the Gentiles (V32)? How does this tie in with Paul's teaching in Romans 3:21-24?

9. Verses 33-36 are often referred to as a doxology which is brief hymn of praise that expresses the glory of God. How do these verses relate to: a) Paul's argument in verses 25-32? b) Any questions that may have been raised by chapters 9-11?

10. List the overarching attributes of God that Paul celebrates in verses 33-36? Why is Paul focusing on just these attributes?

11. Why is the end of this chapter such a good place for a doxology?