

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans

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Message: Not Total, Not Final

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Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: God's rejection toward Israel is not total nor final.

Read Romans 11:1-18

1. Even when we turn away from God, He remains faithful (v 2). Why do you think we are prone to wander? How have you experienced God's faithfulness during one of these times?
2. Paul references Elijah, who complained to God that he was the only faithful person left (v 3). Have you ever felt alone or isolated as Elijah did? What were the circumstances surrounding that situation? What are some dangers of believing the lie that "it's just me" or "no one else understands"?
3. Even though Elijah feels alone, God clarifies he's not (v 4). What helps you lift your eyes from your own situation to see the broader work of God and His community? How has Christian community strengthened you in a season when you felt spiritually tired or alone?
4. Paul continues to make it clear that belonging to God has always been about grace, not performance (v 6). Why do you think grace is so central to the Christian faith? What happens if we minimize it?



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5. God uses the stumbling of Israel to bring salvation to the Gentiles (v 11). Think of a time when God used something painful, confusing, or unwanted in your life to shape you spiritually. What did you learn about Him through that season? How could your story of redeemed pain encourage someone else who is walking through something similar right now?
6. Paul, as the Apostle to the Gentiles, hopes to stir jealousy in his own people (the Jews) so that they might be saved (vv 13-14). Sometimes the best way to witness to others is not through a debate, but by living a life so full of grace and joy that others want what we have. Is your current walk with God visible and attractive? Would someone looking at your life feel jealous of the peace and purpose you have?
7. The church in Rome was made up of both Jewish and Gentile believers. Paul warns the Gentile believers not to become arrogant toward the Jewish branches (v 18). Where do you see similar temptations in the Church today where believers subtly (or openly) look down on other believers? In what ways might cultural, ethnic, or denominational differences tempt believers to feel superior?



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