

Wrestling with Romans
Romans 11
Discussion Guide, May 2, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? – Romans 10:14

- Did you have any outreach opportunities this past week?

OPEN:

- How can competition be a good thing?
- How has competition been a good thing in your life?

READ and ASK: Romans 11

- How do you see competition being used for a positive thing in this text?
- Has God rejected the Jews? Why or why not?
 - o What characteristics separate the remnant of Israel from the rest of Israel?
- From verses 17-21, who are: The broken branches? The other branches? The wild olive shoot? The root?
 - o What do you think the point is?
- Why do you think Paul was worried about the Gentiles becoming prideful?
 - o What do you think causes people who have grown up in Christian families and church activities to turn away from God?
- Based on everything Paul has taught through the book of Romans, what do you think Paul means by “all Israel will be saved?”
 - o Does he mean that every Jewish person will be saved?
- What do both Jews and Gentiles share in common?
- How would you summarize this text?

APPLY:

- How is it possible for someone to try so hard to please God that they actually resist his love for them?
- How has arrogance between groups of Christians hurt your church experience?
 - o When have you struggled with such prideful attitudes?
- 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 on the short end of the stick? Why?
- NEXT STEP: What can you do this week to avoid the influences in your life that could harden your heart against God?

Memory Work:

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. - Romans 11:22