

1. Christ and the Law

- a) Romans 10:1–4
- b) Why is Paul so concerned about his fellow Israelites?
- c) What important message does he have for them?
- d) What lesson can we learn today as a people who have been shown special favor by God?

2. A remnant according to the election of grace

- a) Romans 11:1–5, while most of the Jewish leaders during the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ and the preaching ministry of Paul did not accept Jesus as Messiah, what assurance does Paul share with Christians in Rome?
- b) Romans 11:13–24, God is able to graft broken natural branches back into the olive tree.
- c) Not all the Jewish people rejected Jesus as Messiah. Name some important Jewish men and women in the New Testament who accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- d) What important lessons can we learn from this portion of Paul’s letter about the grace of God?

3. All Israel will be saved

- a) Romans 11:26–27; Romans 11:14
- b) If Paul is hoping “to save some” of his people, how can he say “all Israel will be saved”?
- c) Galatians 3:7–9

- d) Who can relate to Paul’s longing for his own people to be saved? What should we remember when sharing the Gospel message with our own people?

4. Trusting God even when we don’t fully understand

- a) Romans 11:33–36, the deep things of God
 - i) Romans 11:29, what is Paul saying here?
 - ii) Romans 11:32, does God lead anyone into disobedience? What point is Paul making here?
- b) Share a time when you asked God to direct your steps but you didn’t fully understand what He was doing.

5. Discussion questions

- a) What behaviors and attitudes of some Christians might make it more difficult for our Jewish brothers and sisters to accept Jesus as their Messiah?
- b) What responsibility do we have to reach out to those who were once connected with God’s people (broken off branches)?
- c) Share the story of someone who became separated from God but then allowed God to graft him/her back into a living relationship with Him.
 - i) Simon Peter, John 21:15–17
 - ii) Personal testimony

