Week 32 - Romans Series

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Romans 11:1-10

Discussion:

- 1. Describe a time when you felt rejected by God. How did God work to show you that He hadn't given up on you?
- 2. How might Paul's comments in 9:25 and 10:21 lead someone to ask the question in 11:1? How do the examples he gives answer that concern? How does his answer illustrate 9:6-7 and 8:29?
- 3. On what basis are Paul and others of the remnant chosen? Given what he has said in 10:3, why would this be so difficult for his fellow Israelites to grasp? How do you see church people today continuing to rely more on their performance of religious rituals than on God's grace?
- 4. When have you felt like the only one left who seems to care about God? What were the circumstances? How did God respond?
- 5. How is it possible for someone to try so hard to please God that they resist His love for them? When have you experienced this?
- 6. In Elijah's time there was extreme apostasy, almost total rejection of God, yet He did not reject them; why?
- 7. God always had Israel in His plan, even in their darkest hour of rejecting Him. How can God's perseverance affect you? How can God's perseverance affect the way you treat others?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.