

Week 33 - 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 11:11-24

Discussion:

1. As a child, when did your desire to be like one of your heroes help you to change and grow?
2. How does Paul’s question in verse 11 relate to the question in verse 1? What hope does he give in his answer?
3. In what ways would Gods’ grace toward Gentiles break through the walls of presumption, which the Jews had built toward God?
4. Up to now, Paul has been dealing with the tendency of Jewish believers to feel superior to Gentiles: How does his image of an olive tree deal with the other side of the coin in verses 13-24?
5. What phrases indicate what the Gentile believers were thinking? What attitude ought they to have toward their acceptance by God? How does this section emphasize the point Paul has been trying to make all along (that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile before God)?
6. How would you reconcile verse 22 with Romans 8:38-39?
7. How has arrogance between types of Christians hurt your church experience?
8. When someone else receives God’s blessing and grace in their lives, does that spur you on to seek God all the more, or does it make you upset? Why?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.