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Romans 11:1-24

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Question #1: Has God rejected His people? (verses 1-10)

1. How do Paul's examples help us to understand that God has not rejected His people?
2. On what basis is one kept from being part of the remnant?
3. On what basis does one become a part of the remnant?
4. What does it mean to be a part of the remnant?
5. Have you ever felt like Elijah felt? How might God's answer to Elijah be of encouragement to you? (cf. 1 Kings 19:14-18; Romans 11:3,4)
6. Why did Israel fail to obtain the righteousness they were seeking (verses 7 to 10)?
7. What can we learn from Israel's failure that might help us in our own relationship with God?

Question #2: Did Israel stumble in order that they may fall? (verses 11,12)

1. How is God using Israel's stumbling to bring salvation to the Gentiles?
2. Is God through with Israel?
3. What encouragement might there be for you in how God deals with Israel's stumbling?

Paul's warning to the Gentiles. (verses 13-24)

1. Paul tells us to "note then the kindness and severity of God..." (verse 22). What does it mean that God is kind? What does it mean that He is severe?
2. Why is it important for us to personally notice God's kindness and severity?
3. How does one "continue in His kindness"?
4. How might Paul's illustration about roots and branches and grafting help us to deal with our penchant towards spiritual arrogance? Put slightly different: How does one become spiritually proud and what does Paul tell us our attitude should be? (cf. verse 20)
5. How does fearing God counter our tendency towards spiritual arrogance?

Processing all that...

1. Have you ever personally struggled with spiritual arrogance? Examples?
2. How can you personally avoid being spiritually arrogant?

TAKE HOME QUESTIONS:

1. If you had to pick just one insight from this study that speaks specifically to you, what would it be? Why?
2. How do you plan to respond to it this week?
3. Who do you know who needs to hear what was helpful for you in this study? When will you share this encouragement with them?