



## Small Group Discussion Notes

### Romans: The Letter that Changed the World

His Faithful Plan

Romans 11

February 26, 2023

#### Warm Up

Share a time when you felt abandoned by God OR a time when it was hard to see how God was at work in a situation.

#### Digging Deeper

Read Romans 11: 1-6

Why do you think Paul needs to continue to remind his readers that they have been chosen by grace through faith rather than works?

Read Romans 11:7-10

What reflections do you have on this section of chapter 11?

What verses might be challenging to you?

What questions does this passage leave you wrestling with?

Read Romans 11:11-16

We often think of envy as something negative but consider the use of the word "envy" in verse 14. Why might Paul be using the word envy in this context?

Read Romans 11:17-24

What does this metaphor of an olive tree with grafted branches tell us about the dynamic between God, the Jews, and the Gentile people?

Read Romans 11:25-32

How does this passage make you feel, considering chapter 9 and the idea that God hardened the hearts of the unbelieving Israelite people?

What does this passage teach you about God?

#### Next Steps

At times, we find ourselves questioning God's faithfulness, because his timing or his ways are different than ours. How might this chapter be an encouragement to you in those moments?

What steps can you take to be mindful of God's presence in our life, even when you are uncertain of how he is at work?

#### Final Thoughts

Read Romans 11:33-36 out loud together as a collective offering of praise.