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STUDY GUIDE

For the sermon on May 24, 2020

Romans 11-12

REFLECT | REVIEW

Review and reflect on the Scriptures and important points of the sermon.

In Paul's outline, we find that chapter 11-12 span to different sections of his letter. He moves from his points about Israel to what it looks like for us practically, speaking specifically about how we walk out the life we have been given by Christ.

You can break Romans down broadly into 4 parts (These titles come from N.T. Wright and Michael Bird).

1. Unveiling God's righteousness (1-4)
2. From new covenant to new creation (5-8)
3. God's faithfulness and Israel's unbelief (9-11)
4. Faithfulness and fellowship in the wider world (12-16)

ENGAGE | ENCOURAGE

Consider together what God is asking you to do and encourage each other.

Read **Romans 11:1-10** What does Paul say about Israelites in this passage? Are they rejected? Will they be saved? What saves them? In verse 7 he talks about what they had sought, do you remember what that was? (see 10:3 if you don't).

Romans 11:11-24 is an image of being grafted into the family of God. Paul uses this imagery primarily for the Gentiles. What point is he making to them? Why might they be tempted to have pride in their position? Why should that pride concern them?

Romans 11:25-36 What is your best understanding of "all Israel will be saved?" Do you assume that means Israel has been redefined? Do you assume it is ethnic? Do you assume it is geographic? What have you been taught before? What other passages speak to your understanding? This is admittedly

a complicated issue that many scholars and theologians disagree on, but that impacts some of what we think about God's working in the world. What questions do you have about it?

Read **Romans 12:1-2**. These are core statements Paul makes about life in Christ. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice? What does it mean to have your mind transformed? Where are you tempted to conform to the world instead?

In verses **3-8** Paul talks particularly about how we should serve other believers. Have you identified what your gift is and how you can use it? If not, what resources can you use to help with that? (if you don't know, feel free to reach out to the church staff for some)

Romans 12:9-21 are clear, but challenging verses on what it looks like to put our love in action. Which parts of this list are hard for you? Which parts come naturally easy for you? What might you need to let go of (offer as a living sacrifice) to God to accomplish this better?

LOOKING AHEAD

Read chapters 13-14 before next week's sermon. Think of any questions you may have on what they meant then, and how they apply to us today. Reach out to someone you trust with those questions if you don't feel they get answered specifically next week.