

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 19, 2014

Passage: Romans 11:25-32

Memory Passage: Romans 11:33-34

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 11:25-32.** We will begin by examining vs. 28-32 since they are an explanation of vs. 25-27. To whom does “they” refer in both its occurrences in v. 28, physical Israel, spiritual Israel, or both? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) Write a definition for these words found in v. 28: “Gospel” and “election.”
- (c) Explain the 2 phrases: “enemies of God for your sake” & “beloved for the sake of their forefathers.”

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 11:25-32.** What are “the gifts & calling of God” (v. 29), why are they “irrevocable,” and why is this important (notice the “for” that begins v. 29, and don’t neglect to consider what Paul has already said in Romans)?
- (b) Another “for” begins v. 30. How does this instruct us concerning the relationship of vs. 30-31 to vs. 25-29? To the entire argument of chapter 11?
- (c) Consider Paul’s 3 uses of the word “now” in vs. 30-31: what does this tell us about the salvation of the Gentiles in Paul’s argument found in chapter 11? What does this tell us about the salvation of the Jews in Paul’s argument found in chapter 11?
- (d) Summarize in one sentence what you have learned from Paul in vs. 28-31.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 11:25-32.** To whom does the “all” refer in v. 32, and do both occurrences refer to the same group?
- (b) **Re-read Romans 11:1-24 & 28-32.** As you do, write down everything you find out about the timing (i.e. past, present, future) of the salvation of the Jews (document both the verse # and what you learn). Remember that Paul is answering the question: “Has God rejected His people?” (11:1, cf. 9:6).

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 11:25-32.** Re-read your answers for question (b) from yesterday. Go back and examine each verse in which you found indications of a future salvation of the Jews and answer these questions: (1) is there any indication of their salvation coming in a different way than the Gentiles, (2) is there any indication of whether there will be all, many, or some of the Jews saved, and (3) is there any indication of when in the future these Jews will be saved?
- (b) Now let us turn our attention to vs. 25-27: why would Paul think the Gentiles might be becoming wise in their own sight?
- (c) Fill in the blank in this question: “When Paul uses the word “mystery” (cf. Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:9; 3:3, 4, 6, 9; 5:32; 6:19; Col. 1:26,27; 2:2; 4:3, 2 Thess. 2:7; 1 Tim. 3:9, 16) he is describing something that _____.”
- (d) What is the specific mystery to which he refers in v. 25, and why would this be an antidote to any Gentile pride?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 11:25-32.** In what way is Israel’s hardening “partial” and to what does “the fullness of the Gentiles” refer?
- (b) **Read Is. 59:20-21 & Jer. 31:33.** These are OT passages that Paul quotes from in Rom. 11:26-27 to support his statement in 26a: Who is this promised Redeemer, when does He come, and what will He accomplish when He comes? To whom is Paul referring in 11:26-27, when does he think He comes, and what does he think He accomplishes when He comes?
- (c) Now, finally ☺, explain the phrase, “and in this way all Israel will be saved,” keeping in mind the context you have studied all week.
- (d) Write down 3 specific ways in which you will apply Rom. 11:25-32 to your life this week (i.e. why does it matter?).

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All Israel Will Be Saved

*In Romans 11:25-32 Paul reaches the climax of his argument in Romans 9-11
by explaining with 4 facts how & why all Israel will be saved.*