

## Discussion Questions • Romans 11:25-32

1. Read Romans 11:25. Paul refers to a mystery that was once hidden but is now revealed.
  - a. What is the mystery?
  - b. What two reasons does Paul give for highlighting the mystery?
  - c. Paul was concerned that ignorance of the mystery mentioned in verse 25 might lead to Gentile conceit/pride.
    - i. How would this kind of pride manifest itself?
    - ii. Why is Paul against this kind pride within the church?
2. Vs. 25b "*Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in*"
  - a. What does Paul mean by "*Israel has experienced a hardening in part?*" Explain.
  - b. Why did Paul want his audience to know that the hardening of Israel was only partial and temporary?
  - c. What does Paul mean by "*full number of the Gentiles has come in?*" Explain.
3. Once the "*full number of the gentiles has come in*," Paul says in vs.26, "... ***all Israel will be saved...***"
  - a. Does this mean every single Jew will be saved?
  - b. In the sermon, we heard 3 approaches of interpreting verse 26.
    - i. What are they and do each of these interpretations fit within the context of Paul's teaching?
  - c. Which interpretation do you prefer and why?
4. Read Romans 11:26-27. Paul quotes Isaiah 59:20-21 and Isaiah 27:9 (Read the passages).
  - a. Who is the deliverer? (See 1 Thess 1:10)
  - b. What will the deliverer do for the people?
  - c. At what point in human history will this deliverer... "*turn ungodliness from Jacob*" and "*take away their sins?*" Explain your answer.



5. Read Romans 11:28-32.
  - a. In verse 28, we learn that Jews having a dual purpose.
    - i. Identify the dual purpose
    - ii. Discuss the implications for each purpose for both the Jew and the Gentile.
  - b. What are these irrevocable “*gifts*” Paul mentions in vs.32?
    - i. Hint: see Romans 9:4-5
  - c. How would you explain vs.31?
6. What do we learn about God from this section of Romans 11?
  - a. *4 things were mentioned in the sermon, name them.*
7. Application (in light of what we learned about God in the above study)
  - a. What do you believe God is calling **you** to do next?
  - b. What do you believe God is calling **us** to do next?
  - c. What do you believe God is calling **us** to do so we can **reach** non believers?

**OPTIONAL:** Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon?

### **Wrap Up and Prayer**

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.