



**Getting-to-know-you questions:**

**For a new group:**

Have you ever been promised something that never came to fruition? What was that experience like for you?

**For an established group:**

Is God trustworthy?

**From the Message:**

1. As Paul is writing this letter to the Jewish and Gentile believers in Rome, there is tension between the two groups. The Jews are sensitive to the gentiles “taking over” their faith, and the Gentiles are growing in numbers such that they were starting to dismiss the Jews. Do you see that there is a similar challenge for us today where we discount others that frustrate us?
2. Why do you think Paul takes so much time to try and address these issues for both the Jewish and the Gentile believers?
3. In Romans 11, Paul gives us this picture of how God is working by using the rejection of the Jewish people to then take the gospel to the gentiles, and that He is then going to go back and open the eyes of the Jews to the gospel. What does that tell you about God? Or what questions does that provoke for you about God?
4. In verse 25 Paul talks about how God works as a mystery (challenging sometimes to understand). And in verses 33-34 it points to how God is so far above and beyond us. What do you think of that?
5. Bonus... Do you believe that all believers (the church) have now replaced the Jews as God’s chosen people? (Replacement Theology)

**Read:**

Romans 11:1–27

**And Or**

The Book of Romans: Part 2 J.D. Greear,  
Romans 11:1:27

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