

Sermon Supplement from August 3

“Does God Reject His People?” – Romans 11:1-10

Warm Up

- Talk about a time you experienced rejection. What were the circumstances? What feelings did you experience? How did you respond? Do you think that has affected the way you relate to people today? In what ways might that experience be affecting your relationship with God?

Dig In

- What is the overarching question posed in V. 1 and why might the original readers of Romans have been asking it?
- In what ways do people accuse God of rejecting them today?
- In vv. 1-5 Paul gives an emphatic answer and defends that answer with several lines of evidence. What are those and why is each important?
- Vv. 5-6 use the word “grace” 4 times. Briefly explain the concept of grace. (*You could always do a search for “God’s grace” in a Bible resource*) Why do you think Paul emphasizes grace here? How does it fit into the overall argument of the passage?
- In what ways is the concept of grace foundational to answering the big question raised in v. 1?
- Vv. 7-10 cite several Old Testament passages to suggest that there are in fact those who will experience God’s rejection. Does this contradict or complement the teaching of verses 1-6? Explain.
- What does this week’s passage teach you about God’s dealings with His people Israel?
- What does the passage teach you about the character and nature of God?

Wrap Up

- How does it change things to know that God does not reject His people? What are the implications for YOUR life and faith?
- What’s one way this passage challenges or shapes your attitude and actions?
- Is there a verse or phrase from this passage you want to carry with you and reflect on this week?

Next Week’s Text – Romans 11:11-24

- **Read** – Read the text several times looking for key ideas.
- **Reflect** – What truths stand out to you? What challenges, convicts, or encourages you?
- **Respond** – What is your response to what you just read?