

Scripture: Romans 11:1-11

OPEN:

1. When have you felt rejected by God? What broke the ice?

DIG:

1. How might Paul's comments in Rom 9:25 and 10:21 lead someone to ask the question in 11:1? How do the examples he gives answer that concern. How does his answer illustrate Rom 9:6-7 and 8:29?
2. On what basis are Paul and others of the remnant chosen? Given what he said in Rom 10:3, why would this be difficult for his fellow Israelites to grasp?
3. How do you see church people today continuing to rely more on their performance of religious rituals than on God's grace?

REFLECT:

1. Have you ever felt like the only one left who seems to care about God? What were the circumstances? How did God respond?
2. How is it possible for someone to try so hard to please God that they resist His love for them? When have you experienced this?