

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty: Romans 11:1—24

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1. Why is Paul a good example to the Jews that God did not reject His people? Use outside Scriptures if you want with your answer.

2. Who does God not forsake according to verse 2a and explain what that means to you?

3. a) What did Elijah complain about to God in verse 3? To help you with your answer you can read this story in 1 Kings 18—19.

b) Was Elijah's perception correct? Explain why or why not.

c) Does this truth bring you hope regarding our future? Why or why not?

4. Why do you think it's important to know that Israel is not rejected? Or do you even think this is important to know? And why?

5. a) What is your personal definition of "remnant"?

b) What is the dictionary's definition for "remnant"?

c) Is there any arena in which you see yourself as a remnant for God? Explain.

d) Do you think that God might have foreknown that you would be His remnant in this particular arena?

Does this knowledge give you a different perspective and why?

6. According to verses 5 and 6, how is the remnant chosen?
7. Verse 7 is very hard to understand. Try and explain this verse as if you were explaining this to a child.
8. God's ways of hardening are exemplified in verses 8—10. Put these examples into modern day understanding.
9. According to verses 11—12, what good thing comes from Israel's transgression?

Why would this bring greater riches? Explain fully.

Going deeper:

10. Explain in one simple paragraph what the illustration of the grafting and cutting off of the branches mean. Be as specific as possible. For example: who are the cut -off branches and who are the grafted?
11. There are two characteristics of God mentioned in v. 22.
 - a) What are these two characteristics?
 - b) Name when you've experienced these two characteristics from God come together in your life and what was the outcome.