

Living Connections Bible Study



The Mysterious Ways of God

Text: Romans 11:25-36

Prayer

Icebreaker: Deuteronomy 29:29 says, *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever.*

Why are we intrigued by mystery?

1. What mystery does Paul address regarding Israel in Romans chapters 9-11? Verse 25
Romans 9:27; 29; 10:1, 16, 21; 11:1, 11, 15

2. What does Paul mean by the phrase *until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in*? Verse 25
1 Peter 2:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

3. Look up and discuss the following verses which speak to us of Israel's glorious future when they will finally recognize their Messiah, and the remnant that is left at the end of the Tribulation will be saved.

Verses 26-27

Isaiah 59:20-21

Zechariah 13:8-9

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah 50:4-5

Zechariah 12:10-13:1

4. What does Paul say concerning Israel's attitude to the Gospel, but what is the heart of God toward His elect people? Verse 28

5. Read Romans 11:29-32 and explain the meaning of verse 29 in its proper context - *the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.* Romans 1:16; 3:23; 6:23; 5:1; 10:9-13

6. How does Paul respond to God's marvelous and mysterious plan for the ages, as expressed in His dealings with Israel and the Gentiles? Verses 33-36

Think about it this week:

God is the source, the uncaused first cause of everything. From Him comes the power that controls the universe. And the glory of God is His ultimate goal in the culmination of all things.

A. W. Tozer said, *God is looking for people with whom His glory is safe.*

Is God's glory safe with me? Is it safe with my church? Am I lifting Him up? Am I making Christ known? Or am I lifting myself up, saying Look at me! Look what I have done!

Good theology leads to doxology = Worship