LifeGroup Study Sheet

September 10th and 13th, 2026: Romans 11:25-36

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

What's a plot twist, surprise party, or secret reveal, whether it was in in a movie, a show, or your own life, that completely caught you off guard in the best way?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 11:25-27. The Mind of God. Paul warns believers not to be 'wise in your own conceits' (v.25), in other words, don't assume you've figured God out. Where in your own life have you had to admit that God's plan looked nothing like what you expected, only to see later how it made sense?

Paul describes a sequence: Israel's partial hardening opens the way for Gentile salvation, which will eventually lead back to Israel's salvation. In other words, what looked like a setback for one group became a blessing for another. Where else have you seen God use someone's hardship as the doorway to someone else's blessing?

Verses 26–27 quote Isaiah's promise that the Deliverer will come and take away sins! This is a promise Paul says will not fail for Israel. If God's promise to save 'all Israel' is this certain, even after centuries of unbelief, what does that tell you about how certain your own salvation is through Christ, even on the days it doesn't feel like it?

Question 2: Read Romans 11:28-32. The Mercy of God. Paul shows that both Jews and Gentiles were concluded, in unbelief. No one group is morally ahead of the other before God (vv.30–32). Why do you think it's so important to Paul that no one can claim spiritual superiority? Where do you see this same temptation today? Comparing yourself favorably to 'less religious' or 'more religious' people?

How would you define mercy? How is it different from grace? Can you think of a time someone showed you mercy instead of giving you what you deserved?

Verse 29 says the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. This means God doesn't take back what He has given or go back on who He has called. How does knowing this encourage you on days when you feel like you've failed God too badly for Him to still want you?

Question 3: Read Romans 11:33-36. The Majesty of God. Paul doesn't respond to deep theology with more explanation, but he responds with worship! Why do you think truly understanding who God naturally is, leads to praise rather than just information? Has learning something true about God ever moved you to worship in a way you didn't expect?

Verse 36 says 'of him, and through him, and to him, are all things.' Everything originates from God, is sustained by God, and exists for God's purposes. How would it change the way you approach your job, your relationships, or your plans, if you genuinely believed that everything in your life is 'of Him, through Him, and to Him'?

Take it Home

1. By comprehending the *mind of God*, I can experience peace.
2. By comprehending the *mercy of God*, I can experience his presence.
3. By comprehending the *majesty of God,* I can experience purpose.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?
Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?
Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?
Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?