## **SERMON NOTES**

| Date: November 13, 2016  |
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| Title: Not As Bad As It Seems  |
| <b>Text:</b> Romans 11:1-32  |
| <b>Big Idea:</b> Life is not as bad as it seems because God has a people he's chosen to save and a plan he's accomplishing in and through their lives. |
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| I. Life is not always as bad as it seems because   |
| A. God has a people he has chosen.   |
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| B. God has a plan he is working to accomplish.   |
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| A. Walk in humility.   |
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| B. Live with hope.   |
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## **MAKE IT REAL**

| 1. | Read Romans 11:1-32. What merciful plan is God accomplishing through Israel's rebellion toward the gospel?  |
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|    | Why is there still hope for Israel and for the Jew who repents and turns in Christ in faith?  |
|    | What do these verses tell us about the character and nature of God?   |
| 2. | We have learned that reason things are not always as bad as they seem is because God is working in his people to accomplish a plan greater than they can imagine (cf. Ephesians 3:20-21). When you are struggling with hopelessness, how frequently are you looking the ways God is working out his plan in and through his people? |
|    | hardly ever seldom occasionally often more than not  If you're not looking to God for hope in seemingly hopeless situations, to who or what are you looking?  |
|    | What might habitual feelings of hopeless tell you about your view of God?   |
| 3. | Identify a seemingly hopeless situation in your life. How can you both walk in humility and live with hope in the midst of that situation this week.  |
| 4. | We all need help and encouragement when we're feeling weak and hopeless (1 Thessalonians 5:14).  Commit to telling someone about how you're feeling and ask them to pray with you about your struggle.  |