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Week 4 - Discussion Questions

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon emphasized the importance of viewing everything through the lens of the Bible, distinguishing between opinions, convictions, and doctrine. The sermon explored the story of Israel, highlighting God's faithfulness despite Israel's repeated unfaithfulness. Pastor Chase explained that God's promises to Israel have not failed, and that the inclusion of Gentiles into God's family is part of His redemptive plan. The sermon concluded with a reminder that God is preserving a remnant today, just as He has throughout history, and that His Word remains unfailing.

ICEBREAKER

- What is one (non-controversial) opinion you hold that others might find surprising?

DOCTRINE VS. OPINION. READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

- How can we define the difference between opinions, convictions, and doctrine? Why is it important to start with doctrine when forming our beliefs?

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO ISRAEL. READ ROMANS 9:1-5 & HOSEA 3:1

- Discuss how God remained faithful to Israel despite their unfaithfulness. How does this reflect God's character?



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INCLUSION OF THE GENTILES. *READ ROM. 11:11-24 & EPH. 2:11-22*

- What does the inclusion of the Gentiles into God's promises mean for us today?
- How should this affect our view of God's plan for humanity?

THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL. *READ ROMANS 11:1-6 & 11:25-32*

Don't forget to tune in to our Overtime Podcast (dropping Tuesday Oct 7) for a deeper dive into Romans 11 and further insights on the future of Israel!

- How does the analogy of the olive tree in Romans 11:17-24 illustrate the relationship between Israel and the Gentiles?
- How can you personally ensure that your views on Israel are shaped more by Scripture than by political opinions and current events?
- How should Romans 11 shape our prayers and actions regarding Israel?

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DIGGING DEEPER.

UNDERSTANDING THE GENTILES BEING GRAFTED IN (ROMANS 11:11–24)

*In Romans 11, Paul uses the metaphor of an olive tree to describe the relationship between Israel and the Gentiles. He explains that the Gentiles, like wild olive branches, have been grafted into the cultivated olive tree, which represents the rich heritage and promises given to Israel. This imagery highlights the inclusion of the Gentiles into God's redemptive plan, emphasizing that they now share in the blessings and responsibilities of God's covenant people. **This grafting in is not meant to replace Israel** but to expand the reach of God's promises, showcasing His grace and mercy to all nations.*

QUESTIONS

- In your own words, what does Paul mean when he says Gentiles were “grafted in”?
- Verse 18 says, “Do not be arrogant toward the branches.” What kind of arrogance do you think Paul is warning against?
- How does this passage show both God’s kindness and His severity (v.22)?