The Remnant of Israel - Romans 11:1-10

Topics: Christianity, God, Hardheartedness, Lost, Rejection, Stubbornness

Open It

- 1. How would you turn down an invitation to an event that your boss wanted you to attend?
- * 2. What might a person do to get another person to love him or her?
 - 3. When in your experience has a large project been saved by the efforts of a few people?

Explore It

- 4. What was Paul's background? (11:1)
- 5. How did Paul answer those who believed that God had rejected the Jews? (11:1-6)
- * 6. How did God answer Elijah's call to destroy Israel? (11:2-4)
- * 7. What has God chosen by grace? (11:5)
 - 8. What caused God's remnant of people to survive? (11:5)
 - 9. How did Paul describe the people in Israel who please God? (11:5-6)
 - 10. Who are the elect? (11:7)
 - 11. What had Israel done to try to obtain righteousness in God's sight? (11:7-9)
- * 12. What prevented Israel from responding to God as the elect had responded? (11:7-9)
 - 13. What results from God's decision to harden people's hearts? (11:9-10)

Get It

- 14. What commitment has God shown to the Jews?
- * 15. What characteristics separated the remnant of Israel from the rest of Israel?
 - 16. What causes God's people to turn away from Him?
 - 17. What causes people reared in Christian families and church activities to turn away from God?
- * 18. In what ways do you see a remnant at work in your community?
 - 19. By what means other than grace do people try to please God?
 - 20. How is it possible to seek intently for God by doing good deeds, and yet miss Him?
 - 21. What hardens a person's heart against God?
 - 22. What can God do to change the hearts of people who have turned away from Him?

Apply It

- 23. What can you do this week to avoid the influences in your life that could harden your heart against God?
- * 24. What can you do this week to encourage a Christian who feels outnumbered or overwhelmed?