

Study Guide on Romans 11:11-24

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Romans 11:11-24

(Romans 11:11) So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

(Romans 11:12) Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

(Romans 11:13) Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry

(Romans 11:14) in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them.

(Romans 11:15) For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

(Romans 11:16) If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

(Romans 11:17) But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree,

(Romans 11:18) do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you.

(Romans 11:19) You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

(Romans 11:20) That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe.

(Romans 11:21) For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you.

(Romans 11:22) Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness toward you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

(Romans 11:23) And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

(Romans 11:24) For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?