



### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Romans 11:1-10. Did God reject his people? What answer does Paul give to this question- and what does it say about him?
2. Read Romans 11:11-24. Did Israel fall beyond recovery? What was Paul's answer to this question and what reasons did Paul give?
3. Read Romans 11:25-32. In what sense is salvation a mystery? And also- what reason does Paul give for not being conceited to his audience?
4. Read Romans 11. Why is it important to consider both the kindness and sternness of God?

### **B. Meditation & application**

5. What does God's patience with Israel tell us about covenant relationship with God? How does Christ demonstrate this reality?
6. Do you think it is possible to fall beyond recovery in the economy of God? What does this chapter have to say into this question?
7. When you think about God's dealings with Israel- how are you encouraged to stand firm in your faith? How does this inspire you toward faithfulness?
8. How does Christ demonstrate the relentless pursuit of sinful humanity? How is that story revealed in God's dealings with Israel?
9. Salvation is a mystery. What makes salvation a mystery and how does Paul speak of it?
10. God's love is relentless. Who have you given up on and how can you embody the relentless love of God with others in your life?

*Prayer: Heavenly Father; Thankyou for being doggedly faithful. Help us to be the same. Help us to love, forgive and show your grace to others passionately and relentlessly. We ask for strength and power to reflect your character in Jesus name- Amen.*