



Richfield Community Church
Life Group Discussion Questions
Sunday, October 23, 2011

Romans 11:1-10 (7-10)

What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize the big idea of 11:1-6?
2. What does Paul mean by “chosen by grace” (11:6)? How would you define grace as it’s being described here by the author?
3. Why does Paul ask in verse 7, “What then?” What is the essence of this question?
4. What was Israel seeking that it failed to obtain? Why did they fail to obtain it? (for help see 9:30-33)
5. What did the elect obtain? Who are the elect? Why is this statement important here?
6. Specifically, to whom is Paul referring when he says the “rest”? What does it mean that they were hardened? Who is it that is implied did the hardening? (for help see 11:8)
7. How would you summarize 11:8?
8. How would you paraphrase 11:9-10?
9. What’s the big idea of 11:7-10?
10. How does the big idea of 11:1-6 connect to the big idea of 11:7-10?

How does it apply?

1. Why do you think Paul spends so much time talking about election?
2. Do you believe God chose some to be saved and not others? Explain.
3. If you believe that God chose some to believe, what do you think was the basis of his choosing?
4. Does the concept of election (predestination) give you any comfort, assurance, or confidence about your faith? Explain.
5. Does election seem unfair to you?
6. If you accept, hold to, or even embrace election, how does it make you feel?
7. How does your view of election effect your motivation for evangelism?