

Sunday, November 27, 2022 - "Romans - Week 11 - It's All About Grace: Romans 11:25-36" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Romans 11:25-36, Romans 11:5-6, Matthew 16:17, Romans 11:8,25, Romans 12:1

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Cultural context of Romans
 - Written to a divided church in conflict (gentiles and Jews)
 - Paul addresses some misconceptions and levels the playing field for all followers of Christ
- People are brought into the fold of God ONLY because of his grace
 - Not anything we have done or a line of thinking that we are responsible for
 - It's ALL about grace (Matthew 16:17)
- Gentiles thought they were smarter or more spiritually aware than their Jewish brothers and sisters
- Romans 11:8, 25
 - God hardened the hearts of Israel..they could not hear because they would not hear
 - Huge warning...high risk of becoming hardened and calloused if we won't hear
 - This is one of the costs of sin and it applies to believers and nonbelievers
- God knew how they would respond but they are responsible for not responding
- v22: Do not become proud but fear God
- What do we do with all of this theology?
 - Be humble and stay humble
 - It's all an act of grace
 - Ask God for help in understanding his word (we can't understand on our own)
 - Share Jesus with everyone
 - Share your story
 - Allow God to do the rest...He is responsible for the outcome
 - Don't get sidetracked with theological debates
 - Romans 11:33-36
 - Mysteries of God can throw us off the path....some all always be mysteries
 - God's ways are inscrutable = impossible to understand
 - Lay down everything for Him
 - Romans 12:1
 - Give everything back, all we have has been given to us
 - Worship
 - Holiness of God
 - He is bigger and greater than we can fully understand

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does the phrase "it's all about grace" mean to you?
2. When was a time that you "could not hear because you would not hear"?
3. How do you stay humble?
4. How is God asking you to share your story?
5. What is God asking you to lay down for him?
6. What are some ways you can engage in worship this week?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan****

Mon: Esther 8 Tues: Esther 9 Wed: Esther 10 Thurs: Ephesians 1 Fri: Ephesians 2

Songs from the weekend: [Ancient Gates - Brooke Ligertwood] - [O Come O Come Emmanuel] - [High King of Heaven - Hannah and Paul McClure] - [Rest On Us - Upperoom]