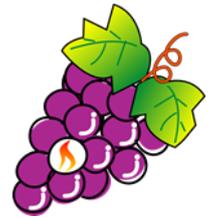




## LIFE GROUP : Week of 24th April 2022



### Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?  
What is God's plan? Who are his people?  
God is worthy of praise.

### Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

Romans 11:11-36 —Main passage

Key verses : 17-21 28-32 33-36

### Warm Up

On post it notes or scrap paper write down your own definitions of **MERCY, PEOPLE** and **WORTHY**

Compare what you have written and try to create unified definitions

### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

Much of this chapter deals with Paul's passion for Israel and his desire to see them all saved. However, he understands that their rejection of Jesus has brought salvation to the world.

1. v28-32— What is God's plan, how does Israel fit in? How does MERCY play a part?
2. What do we learn of God's character from these verses?
3. v17-21— Based on these verses, what kind of a people is God creating as His kingdom?
4. Read the doxology in v33-36 now explain why Paul believes God is worthy of praise.

### Growing in discipleship: Practical application

In ancient Rome, Jewish and Gentile Christians struggled to get on. They were very different in culture and lifestyle. Paul tries to address this in Romans 11.

5. How has God's mercy on you impacted your life and life choices?
6. VBC doesn't struggle to integrate Jew and Gentile, but what similar struggles does it face? How can we as a church overcome these? What practical examples of humility have you witnessed ?
7. In 2022 in Eastbourne (and beyond) how can the Church be more inclusive without losing Biblical principles?
8. Why do you believe God is worthy of worship?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.