

Here are some questions to consider as you study Romans 11:11–24:

- Concerned for the well-being of Israel (and what it says about God's faithfulness to his elect), Paul asks in v11 if Israel has stumbled beyond recovery. According to him, what is one of the purposes behind Israel's trespass? What should that produce in the heart of believers, especially non-Jewish believers?
- What's one of the results or goals of Gentile inclusion in God's plan of salvation?
- What do you make of v21? Who are the natural branches? What does Paul mean by saying God won't spare you? (Remember, v20 gives us the context for this.)
- Verse 22 is undoubtedly confusing to modern American sensibility. How is the kindness of God easy for the world to "understand"? How does the world tend to misunderstand or misinterpret God's kindness? What about God's severity—how does the world understand and misunderstand this characteristic?