

A few points and questions to consider:

Pastor Brad overview of this chapter divided it into four parts:

1. Remnant, 11:1-10;
2. Rejection (by the Jews / Israel) & Reconciliation (of the Gentiles), 11:11-22;
3. Restoration (of Israel), 11:23-32; and
4. Reflections, 11:33-36.

Consider God's faithfulness to Israel throughout the ages and His promise of restoration. A key verse in chapter – which summarizes His faithfulness to the Jewish nation – is Romans 11:29.

How does this verse also provide great comfort and confidence to you as a redeemed sinner, “a wild olive branch...grafted in...to share in the rich root of the cultivated olive tree?”

In Romans 11:18, Paul warns us not to boast of our being grafted into the tree. Why is there no room for anyone to boast – whether Jew or Gentile – for being part of the redeemed family of God?

Using a concordance or other means, look for other verses in the New Testament that warn about our boasting except in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Look through this chapter and select on or more verses / scriptural truths that are especially dear to you. List them below.

Finally, spend some time basking in the worshipful words of Paul's doxology that's recorded in 11:33-36.

Why is it true – even as Pastor Greg mentioned a few weeks ago in his sermon – that good theology (our understanding of God) leads to good worship, and that good worship always includes good theology?

Scripture Reading for July 29 Bible Study: Romans 12

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Once again, we encourage you to dig a little deeper into this passage by preparing a HEAR Report. As noted in previous weeks, HEAR is an acronym for Highlight, Explain, Apply, Respond.

- Read thru this passage and HIGHLIGHT a verse(s) that you found especially powerful.
- EXPLAIN the verse. What was the context and purpose for what was written and when it was written.
- APPLY the verse to yourself
- Lastly, RESPOND to the verse. Maybe there are changes God wants you to make in your life w.r.t. the verse. Or your response may be a prayer to God. It may be praising Him. However you feel led to respond.

As has been pointed out by others, the goal isn't for you / me to jot down a "profound truth" but to note the "truth you found."

Please email us and let us know how this passage spoke to you. Also let us know if you have any general comments, suggestions, etc. for this midweek Bible study program. *We want and need to hear from you.* Email address: [connect@madisonavenuebc.org](mailto:connect@madisonavenuebc.org)

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H.E.A.R. REPORT for \_\_\_\_\_ (Bible passage).

Highlight a verse(s)

Explain what the text means.

Possible questions to consider: *Why was this written? To whom was it originally written? How does it fit with the verses immediately before and after it? Why did the Holy Spirit include this passage in the book? What is He intending to communicate through this text?*

Apply "the significance of these verses to you personally"

Possible questions to consider: *How can this help me? What does this mean to me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What does this mean to me? How does this apply to my family, my church family, my community? What is God saying to me?*

Respond

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Matthew 7:7 (ESV), "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Source: Growing Up, Robby Gallaty