

Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 11:28 - 12:2

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Helps students understand God's redemptive plan for Jews and Gentiles & connects doctrine to everyday worship and obedience

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – How Did Israel's Rejection Benefit the Gentiles?

Discuss:

- Why were Gentiles able to hear and receive the Gospel?
- Did Gentiles earn God's mercy?
- How did God use Israel's rejection of Jesus to accomplish something good?

Romans 11:28-30

Have students discuss:

- Mercy
- God's plan
- A door opened for Gentiles
- Salvation for the nations

Part B – God's Plan of Mercy to the Whole World

Have them discuss what happened and what God accomplished:

Romans 11:30-32

Discuss:

- Why nobody deserves salvation
- Why both Jews and Gentiles need mercy
- Why no one can boast
- How God's plan comes full circle

What Happened	What God Accomplished
Israel rejected Christ	The Gospel spread to the Gentiles
Gentiles were once far from God	Gentiles received mercy
Gentiles believed the Gospel	Israel will one day be provoked to jealousy
Both groups were disobedient	God shows mercy to both

Part C – What Should We Do With God's Mercy?

Ask: "If God has shown us so much mercy, how should we respond?"

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Colossians 3:2 "Set your mind on the things above..."
- Israel's Future: Ezekiel 37:21 "then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel"
- Galatians 3:8 "The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel..."

Discuss:

- Living sacrifices
- Worship through obedience
- Renewing our minds
- Living differently from the world

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why do people sometimes think they deserve God's blessings?
- How does understanding God's mercy create humility?
- What are some ways the world tries to shape our thinking?
- What does it look like to be a "living sacrifice" at school, home, or with friends?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

"Have you ever thought about how you received blessings through God's people, Israel?"

OR

What is one area of my life that I need to surrender to God as an act of worship?

Prayer & Reflection: Thank God for the salvation He has given you through Jesus Christ. Remember that worship is more than singing—it is how we live every day. Ask God to help you worship Him in your friendships, at school, at work, and at home. Pray that every part of your life would bring Him honor and glory.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: Jews and Gentiles alike were disobedient, yet God chose to show mercy. Israel's rejection of Christ opened the door for Gentiles to receive the Gospel, and God's mercy should lead us to worship Him by offering our lives back to Him.