

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

**Group Discussion for Romans 11:1-27**

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

**Purpose:**

Addresses common misconceptions about salvation & encourages critical thinking about faith, works, and grace

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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 – Has God Given Up on His People?**

Discuss:

- Have you ever made a promise and then wanted to take it back?
- Have you ever thought about Israel, God's people? They are real people today.
- Why did Paul ask if God had rejected Israel?

**Romans 11:1-2**

Have students discuss:

- God's faithfulness
- God's promises
- Israel, God's people
- Trusting God's Word

**Part B – What People See vs What God Sees**

Have them discuss what people see vs what God sees:

**Romans 10:3-4**

Discuss:

- Why Elijah became discouraged
- Why appearances can be misleading
- How God works even when we cannot see it
- What a remnant is

| What Elijah Saw        | What God Knew                       |
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| "I am all alone."      | 7,000 faithful people remained      |
| Israel seemed defeated | God was preserving a remnant        |
| No hope                | God's plan was still moving forward |
| Human perspective      | God's perspective                   |

## **Part C – Grace or Works?**

**Ask: "Can someone earn God's salvation?"**

**Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:**

- Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith..."
- Titus 3:5 "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done..."
- 2 Timothy 2:13 "If we are faithless, He remains faithful."

**Discuss:**

- What grace means
- Why salvation cannot be earned
- Why grace and works cannot be mixed
- How God's mercy saves people

**Group Discussion Questions:**

- Why do people often try to earn God's approval?
- How does God's faithfulness encourage us when life feels uncertain?
- Why is grace better than trying to earn salvation?
- What can we learn from Elijah's discouragement?

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

"Have there been times when I doubted God was working because I couldn't see the whole picture?"

**OR**

Do I sometimes try to earn God's love instead of resting in His grace?

**Prayer & Reflection:** Ask God to help you keep your eyes on Him instead of your circumstances. Pray for strength to persevere through hardship, uncertainty, and doubt. Ask Him to increase your faith and remind you that He is always at work, even when you cannot see what He is doing.

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

**Key for Lesson:** God never breaks His promises. He faithfully preserves His people and saves by grace, not by human effort. Even when circumstances seem hopeless, God is still working according to His perfect plan.