

**Sermon Discussion Guide, May 16, 2010, *Israel: A Case Study in God's
Sovereignty Over History*, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
Romans 11:1-32**

1. According to Deuteronomy 4:35 and 7:7-9, why did God choose Israel? What do you learn about the character of God based on these verses? How is the nation of Israel viewed today? What is Israel's future now that we are in this new global era?
2. Define the word remnant. Once you have the definition, are you part of the remnant? Why or why not?
3. Read Romans 11:1-10. What question does Paul set out to answer in these verses? Who does Paul use as examples to make his point? What biblical principles do you learn from verses 4-5. Why is there no room for pride in the remnant?
4. Reread v.7-10 along with Exodus 7:13, 22; 8:19; 8:15, 8:32 and Romans 9:18. How do you interpret this question; does God actively harden people? How does the character of God help you to reconcile this concept in your own mind?
5. Read v.11-25a. What is Paul's second question? How does Paul demonstrate why Israel has not stumbled beyond recovery? What does "grafted in" mean? What is anti-Semitism? Is there any place for it? Why or why not?
6. Read v.25b-32. When will Israel be saved? Does this mean 100% of Israel will be saved? Why or why not? What do you learn about God from verse 28? What do you learn about God from verses 30-32?
7. What should the remnant do until Jesus returns? What should you as an individual be doing until Jesus returns? What should be your motivation? What encouraged you most from this sermon? Why?