

The Mystery of Mercy

Romans: The Power of the Gospel

Passage: Romans 11:25-36

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II. Loved Still (11:28-29)

III. Everyone in the Same Room (11:30-32)

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MISSIONAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time you finally understood something — a math problem, a person, a decision someone made — and it changed how you felt about all the parts you had been confused by. What was it?
2. In verse 25, why does Paul say he is telling this secret? Who is he talking to? Why does it matter that we could not have figured this out ourselves?
3. What word appears four times in verses 30–32? Where are you tempted to believe you are in a better room than someone else? Who do you tend to picture on the far side of God's mercy?
4. Count the questions in verses 34–35. What is the answer to all of them?
5. Verse 26: what does it tell you about God that he has not given up on the people he first made promises to? How does that affect how you think about God's promises to you?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTION

1. Who is your “them” - the person or kind of person you have quietly decided would never receive God’s mercy?
2. Share a small, concrete way you could show mercy to that person or group this week as a way to be kind to them.

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