

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 5/5/2024

For you as the Teacher/Host

Begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

Opener Question or Activity: How have you had your hope in something smashed?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Romans 10:16-11:36

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)*

1. What reasons do you have for not believing in hope, that an unbelieving friend or neighbor or family member cannot come to Jesus? Is this a place you feel you should stay, not believing or hoping for their salvation?
2. Read over Romans 11:22-32. What two primary groups of people is Paul speaking to? List out what he says to the Gentiles. List out what he says about the Jews (Israel).
3. Is there a spiritual truth that may get your attention in this text, as you see how God is at work here? Discuss together any ideas of how God is at work in humanity based on this passage.
4. How have you experienced the mercy of God?
5. Read Romans 11:32-36. List all the truths about God, out loud.
6. What is important for you to internalize about God according to these verses? How do you believe your view of God is confirmed or changed?
7. Are there any questions you have from today's study? Discuss them openly together, discovering more of God at work in your life.

Apply it today: What was most important for you to remember today and why?