

May 14 & 15, 2022

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Israel: Your Place In History

I. Announcements & Prayer

- **This Weekend** – indoor worship services **Saturday @ 5pm** and **Sunday @ 9:20 and 11am**. You can listen in your car by tuning your radio to 95.3 FM or watch the livestream on Facebook or thechurchnextdoor.org. **Bring a neighbor! Invite a friend!**
- **Radio Show** – The **Your Next Step** radio show continues **Mon-Fri at 10:30am and 6pm** on **The Word 880 AM and 104.5 FM**. The podcast is also available on our website yournextstepnow.com as well as all podcasting services.
- **Deeper Life** – go deeper with God and His Word at Deeper Life **Sundays @5pm** in the sanctuary. Spend an hour with us learning about the Spirit, the Bible, and prayer.

II. Ice Breaker Questions

1. When have you won something? What did you win and how did you win it? What happened to it?
2. When was the last time someone came to your house for a meal or you had a new guest stay overnight? How did it go?

III. Bible Study

Read **Deuteronomy 14:2** (NIV)

2 for you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession.

1. What does it mean to be “a people holy to the Lord” and a “treasure possession” (hint: there is more than one answer)? What language could you use to describe this and why you want this to a nonbeliever?

Read **Isaiah 1:18-20** (NIV)

18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;

20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.”

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

2. What is God asking Israel to do and/or not do here? What will happen if they do or don't do it? How is this an example and encouragement for us “settle the matter” with God today?

Read **Romans 11:11–21** (NIV)

11 Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. **12** But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry

14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. **15** For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

16 If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, **18** do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. **19** You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” **20** Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. **21** For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

3. What attitude toward Israel does Paul encourage us to have in these verses? What would Paul say about antisemitism (hating or looking down on Jewish people)? How is Gentiles and Jews getting along and respecting each other a living example of “the Gospel” (Good News)?
4. What does it mean to “share in the nourishing sap from the olive root”? How is that sharing blessing us (i.e., believers in Jesus) today? What advantage can you see in this being “grafted in”?

Read **1 Peter 2:9-10**

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

5. Peter is here applying the names God gave Israel to the followers of Jesus, showing that they have been included in that privilege and responsibility. How does it feel to know you have been brought into this family of God? What does it mean to have a place in this family?

Read **Psalms 122** (NIV)

- 6** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure.
7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”

6. How can you connect with Israel and Jewish people today?

