

SPECIAL SERMON  
"To the Jew First"  
Sermon Small Group Questions  
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- This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. After considering the needs of your group:
- Feel free to adapt the format to meet the needs of your group. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, add Scripture and ask suitable questions. Remember that this is only a guide.
- Personal application is key to everyone's growth and should be included in every discussion. When asked how he or she intends to apply a certain principle a group member may say, "I need to spend more time in the Bible and in prayer." It is important for you to help group members make applications that are more specific and commit to a specific plan of action by asking, for example, "How are you going to begin?" An example is to get up 30 minutes earlier each morning, spending 15 minutes reading the Bible and 10 minutes in prayer. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.
- As the leader your goal is to help bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their need for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.

## INTRODUCTION

In Scripture, God has laid out a master plan for The Great Commission and for evangelism in the world: to the Jew first, and then to the Gentile. Though the Jewish people originally rejected the Messiah, they opened the door for the Gentiles (non-Jews) to come to know Jesus as Lord. Today, we re-present the Gospel to the Jewish, knowing that Jesus came as a restorer and redeemer.

[Roman 11.14-15]

*For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, **what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?***

## MESSAGE

[Romans 1.16]

*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.*

[Romans 11.15]

*For since their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world, their acceptance will be even more wonderful. It will be life for those who were dead!*

### ***Simply put, revival is life from death.***

[Psalm 22.14-18]

*I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.*

The Old Testament pointed forward to the Crucifixion of Christ, a prophetic picture of the suffering servant, who would save us. This Scripture accurately portrays the physical symptoms, even before the crucifixion was a practice of punishment.

### ***You have God's undivided attention.***

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. **What are some cultural or social stigmas that were crossed by people who befriended you? (gender, race, social status, etc.)**
2. **Who are some folks who have significantly witnessed to you about Jesus Christ? What were some of your responses? (Did your response change over time?)**
3. **What scripture can you refer to, that God speaks to you through every time?**
4. **How have you experienced God's sovereignty in your life, or in the life of your family? What are some ways that "God worked all things for good for you who love Him and are called according to His purpose?"**
5. **How did the Lord continue to draw you in, even when your past experiences would have you deny him?**