

ROMANS

- THE SERIES: PART 11 -

1. In Paul's analogy, the root is _____; the olive tree represents _____; the wild shoots are _____ and the gardener is _____.
What happens to a branch that is attached to the root?

What is the basis for being attached to the root?

2. Paul makes it clear that God is the one who _____ the olive tree. What specifically does God do?

How do you feel about God's way of tending the tree?

3. Paul suggests that God also cares for the _____.
How does he care for them?

----- BONUS QUESTIONS -----

(pick any 2)

4. Israel once assumed it was the sole repository of God's mercy and blessing. Paul warns the Gentiles against a similar conclusion (v. 20). How does the danger of arrogance seep into our churches (and ourselves) today?

5. Paul says that God blessed the Gentiles in order to provoke Israel to _____. Why would God do that, and how does it further God's cause?

6. God's plan, as outlined in this chapter, is highly complex, and the suggestion that this was God's intent all along angers some people. Paul's response to the revelation of God's plan was – praise. How would you characterize your response?

7. What does the Bible suggest we do if our response is more critical than Paul's?