

ROMANS

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Read **Romans 4:1-25** together.

Review

Using Abraham as both a paradigm and an example, Paul makes the case for justification by faith. In doing so, he expands the definition of the family of God and of Abraham, inviting all who have faith to be the heirs to the promises of God.

Discussion Questions

- Paul emphatically in this chapter argues against ethnicity or race as the marker of who is justified. While this is normal in our context, how would this have challenged the understanding of God that the Jewish Christians had? What does it still challenge in our world?
- How does thinking about salvation in the context of a community rather than just as individuals change what we see God doing in creation?
- If we believe that God is doing something *now* in light of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, what does that look like in our daily lives as Christians? How does it change how we think about our faith if we believe we are participating in the resurrection of Jesus now?