



ROMANS 4:1-12
COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 4:1-12. What did you find helpful or encouraging from this week's passage and message?
2. Where do you most feel the pull to "boast" in your spiritual performance, background, or knowledge? How does this passage confront that?
3. When thinking about "faith" vs "faithfulness"...in your own walk with Jesus, how do you practically recognize when you've slipped from trusting Christ to trusting your own "faithfulness" and how can you correct that behaviour/thinking?
4. David's example shows that through faith in God (and His great mercy) evil works did not ultimately condemn him (Psalm 32, 51). How can his story shape the way you respond in repentance when you have sinned?
5. When it comes to ensuring that our good works come as a result of faith, what might be some examples of "good Christian things" we can do with the wrong heart? How can we guard against that in our church and in ourselves?
6. Circumcision was described as a "sign and seal" of the righteousness Abraham already had by faith (Romans 4:11). How does this help you think about baptism and other practices (communion, serving, giving, etc.) and what role they play in your spiritual walk?
7. Paul (and David) tell us that God "justifies the ungodly" (Romans 4:5). Is there any part of you that still feels you must be "godly enough" before you can really come to God? What truths from the last few weeks of our study in Romans speak to that struggle?
8. Justification is by faith alone, but genuine faith produces works (James 2, sanctification). Where do you currently see evidence that your faith is leading to changed attitudes, habits, priorities, and/or practices? Where do you long to see more growth?
9. Think about people in your life who lean on their "heritage" or "good works" (church background, morality, being a "good person"). How might Romans 4 shape the way you explain the gospel to them so that it's clearly about faith in Christ, not performance?