

Life Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 22nd | Romans 4:1-25

Groups should care, learn, and pray together, using these questions as a guide to respond to God.

Questions

1. Read Romans 4:1-25. What stands out to you from this Scripture or from the message?
2. Where are you most tempted to relate to God on the basis of your performance? What tends to make you feel like God is especially pleased or disappointed with you?
3. “We don’t obey to be declared righteous. We obey because we are declared righteous.” What difference should that order make in the way we approach obedience, spiritual disciplines, or dealing with sin? What might change practically in your life if you really lived from acceptance rather than trying to earn it?
4. Is there an area of your life you have quietly concluded is “dead,” hopeless, or beyond God’s ability to redeem? How could you entrust that situation to God without demanding a particular outcome from him?
5. “Biblical faith does not deny reality.” Abraham “faced the fact” of what was true while continuing to trust God. When you face difficult circumstances, which direction are you more likely to go: pretending everything will be okay, becoming consumed by the circumstances, or honestly facing reality while trusting God? What would the third option look like for you right now?
6. Where are you relying on the strength of your faith rather than the One your faith is resting in? How might this truth change the way you respond when you feel spiritually weak, doubtful, or inconsistent?
7. The message ends with: “Stop trusting your record. Trust Jesus.” If you took that seriously this week, what is one thing you would stop doing, one truth you would remind yourself of, or one action you would take differently?