**Week 23 - Romans Series**

*Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

**Introductory Discussion:**

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

**Read Romans 3:27-4:8**

**Discussion:**

1. What is an accomplishment that you take pride in and point to as an example of you at your best?
2. If God actually spoke directly to you and promised to give you something you wanted with all your heart, how would you feel? How would you feel 25 years later if nothing had happened yet?
3. Why does the law of faith exclude or shut out boastful pride?
4. Since some of the Jewish converts believed they were set right with God by the law, why does Paul go back to the examples of Abraham and David?
5. How does 4:3-8 illustrate what is said in 3:27-28?
6. From verses 3-8, on what basis is a right relationship with God given or credited to us?
7. Who are some other Biblical characters that you respect as an example of faith? Who are some Christians alive now that set the pace for you about trusting in God?
8. What practical, personal or emotional difference does it make to you whether a right relationship with God is a gift or something you have to work for?
9. Where are you being stretched in your ability to trust God’s promises to you? What can you learn from Abraham’s example?

**Prayer:** Take time to pray together as a group.