

Week 12 - 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 4:9-4:15

Discussion:

1. What is Paul’s point in stressing that Abraham was counted as right with God before He was circumcised?
2. What promise was mentioned to Abraham in Romans 4:13?
3. Why is the Law unable to help a person become a child of Abraham?
4. How does a person become an heir to Abraham?
5. How does 4:9-15 illustrate what is said in 3:27-28?
6. Since this right relationship is a gift, how would you use Abraham’s example to argue against a presumptuous attitude before God?
7. According to verse 11, what was the purpose of Abraham's circumcision? In other words, did his circumcision cause his righteousness or signify his righteousness? Explain the difference.
8. What types of New Testament religious signs might be similar to that of Old Testament circumcision? In other words, what types of signs signify one is a Christian but do not cause one to be a Christian?
9. If you are not a Jew by birth, why is today's text especially important to you?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.