

LifeGroup Study SheetApril 9th and 12th, 2026: Romans 4:13-25

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

What's something you were told was impossible that worked out? Have you ever been promised something that you felt was impossible to believe? Or what's the most unlikely thing you've ever hoped for? Did it happen?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 4:13-17. The Promise of God is a gift! Why do you think that Paul argues that justification by the law and justification by faith are incompatible or contradictory? What do **verses 13-15** tell us about this thought? What does Paul say would happen to faith and the promise God made if heirs are made by obeying the law? How have you seen this line of thinking happen into your own life? How have you believed that God “justifies” you because you are “being good?”

In your own walk with Jesus, how do you detect when you have drifted into treating your standing with God as something you maintain by performance?

Why does Paul say the law brings wrath (v. 15)? What was the entire point of the law?

Question 2: Read Romans 4:18-21. In these verses, Paul wants to give us an actual picture and example of what he means by having faith in God to receive a promise! What does Paul teach us about the nature of genuine saving faith through Abraham's example in verses 18–21? What two physical impossibilities did Abraham face (v. 19)? How did he respond to them? What does the phrase “against all hope, he in hope believed...” reveal about the object and anchor of faith (v. 18)?

The Promise of God is a guarantee! How is the biblical version of hope different than the hope the world has?

Read Verse 20 - What is the relationship between faith and worship? How does this challenge a merely intellectual understanding of belief? How have you seen your faith strengthened when you “give God glory” in worship? Or how about the opposite – how has your faith been weakened when you do not take time to worship?

Question 3: Read Romans 4:20-25. The Promise of God is for our growth! In these closing verses of chapter 4, Paul makes an incredible connection from Abraham's faith to our own faith in Christ! Paul in **verse 22** quotes God

from Genesis 15:6 “it was credited to him as righteousness.” Paul then says, this was not just for Abraham, but also for us (v. 24)! Have you ever thought of yourself and your faith being like that of Abraham’s? If righteousness is “credited” to those who believe (“logizomai” v. 24), what does this mean for how you understand your standing before God today? How does this give assurance?

Read verse 25 - Jesus was “delivered up for our trespasses” and “raised for our justification”? What role does the cross have and resurrection specifically play?

Application

1. God does not need our help to fulfill his promise of salvation.
2. Unwavering faith is not blind; it is choosing to focus my eyes on a BIG GOD who can do BIG THINGS!
3. If God is testing your faith, learn to wait!

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?