

# Romans 4: 1-12

## Walking in the footsteps of faith



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

### The text – Romans 4:1-12

1. Read Romans 1:1-8. In Romans 4:3, Paul cites one of the most important texts in the Scriptures: “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”. What does this text teach us about God? About the relationship between faith and works? What is the main point that Paul wants to make in Romans 4:1-5.
2. The word “credited” or “counted” is used a number of times in the part of Romans. One of those uses is in Romans 4:8 as Paul cites a text from Psalm 32:1-2. What is Paul’s point? What does God *not* count against us? What does he “count” or “credit” to us?
3. Read Romans 4:9-12. Abraham trusted/believed in God’s promises in Genesis 15. He was not circumcised until Genesis 17. What is the main point that Paul is making in Romans 4:9-12? Who are truly children of Abraham?

### The Scriptures – Romans 4:1-12 as a portion of the Scriptures

4. Read Genesis 15:1-6. Talk about the story of Abram and Sarai who become Abraham and Sarah. After the group time is finished, aim to read the full story which is found in Genesis 11:27-25:11.
5. Read Galatians 3:1-6. In this passage, Paul again cites Genesis 15:6. What is the main point that the apostle is making in this passage of Scripture?
6. Read James 2:23-26. James cites Genesis 15:6 in this passage. What is the main point that James is making here? What is the relationship between faith and works?

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Romans 4:1-12 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. When did you decide to trust in the faithfulness of God? Speak with one another about how you came to trust in God.
8. What are some promises of God that you find difficult to trust? What are some that you often read and think about and depend on?
9. How can we pray for you in your relationship with God currently?