

# Romans 4: 13-25

## Walking in the footsteps of hope



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

### The text – Romans 4:13-25

1. Read Romans 4:13-25. What is God's "promise"? There are five references to the promise in this passage – 4:13, 14, 16, 20, and 21. Discuss the promise of God.
2. What is the purpose of the "law" (of Moses) according to 4:15? What is meant by this?
3. In 4:16 Paul writes that Abraham "is the father of us *all*". What is the main point that he is making in saying this?
4. God gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. How is this demonstrated in the story of Abraham and Sarah which Paul recounts in 4:18-22? Recount this story. What is so amazing about the events of Abraham and Sarah's lives which Paul writes about here?
5. God gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. How is this true in the story of Jesus? How is it/will it be true in the story of our lives as we trust in Christ?

### The Scriptures – Romans 4:13-25 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. Read together and enjoy Genesis 21:1-7, the passage that tells the story of Isaac's birth. Why is the baby named Isaac? What does his name mean?
7. Paul mainly writes about Abraham. However, Sarah is also celebrated as a woman of faith. What do the Scriptures say about her in Hebrews 11:11-12?

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Romans 4:13-25 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. Abraham and Sarah trusted in the trustworthiness of God to keep his promises. They had faith in the faithfulness of God to keep his promises. What do you learn about faith and hope from Romans 4:13-25?
9. What do you hope for? How are your hopes and dreams in keeping with being an heir of the world?
10. In the light of this study, how can we pray for you as you seek to live as a disciple of Jesus?



