LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Counted Righteous Through Faith

Romans 4:1-8

Additional passages: Genesis 15:6, Psalm 32, Isaiah 53:11, Jeremiah 23:5-6, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:7-9.

Introduction: This passage in Romans focuses on the basis of someone's confidence that he or she is in right standing with God. Paul has made the argument that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory (Rom 3:23). So how is it that anyone could be considered righteous?

Questions

- 1. Take a video of your group singing and doing the motions to the song "Father Abraham" and send it to pastor Garrett: garrettw@redeemerrockford.church.
- 2. A form of the word "count" appears five times in Romans 4:1-8. Take a look at these instances and talk about what point(s) Paul is making in his use of this word.
- 3. What reason for confidence of righteousness before God did Abraham have (4:3)? What reason for confidence of righteousness before God did David have (4:6-8)? What implications does this have for our reason for confidence of righteousness before God?
- According to Isaiah 53:11, Jeremiah 23:5-6, and Galatians 3:7-9, on what basis can someone have confidence to say, "My sins are forgiven – I am God's adopted son/daughter?"
- 5. What does Psalm 32 teach us about *why* David experienced depression and discouragement? What does it teach us about *why* David experienced joy?
- 6. How is it going in your relationship with God? With believing the promises of God? With enjoying the blessing of forgiveness?
- 7. What has God reminded you about lately that is true of your identity because you are counted righteous in Christ by faith?