

Sermon Discussion Guide

"Guaranteed by Grace"
Romans 4:13-25

1.) Our relationship with God can be guaranteed because it does not depend on our own efforts, but it depends completely on God's grace through Jesus Christ . Since salvation is based on God's grace, we can have assurance.

- Do you have assurance of your salvation? Are you confident that God has saved you and is keeping you in relationship with him?
- If you lack assurance, what is making you feel uncertain?

2.) In hope, Abraham believed God's promise to him even though his circumstances looked like God was going to keep his promise. Abraham was fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

- Do you feel hopeless in any areas of your life?
- What promises of God do you need in your life right now?
- How will you go find more promises of God this week?
- Are you struggling to believe a certain promise of God because your current circumstances?

3.) God gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

- What things do not exist in your life (or in you) right now that you want God to bring into existence? (e.g. fruit of the Spirit [Gal. 5:22:23], salvation, hunger for God, compassion for others, opportunities to share your faith with others, material provision, etc.)

4.) This passage says that Abraham grew strong in faith as he gave glory to God.

- What are some ways that you can give glory to God right now? What are some specific things that you can praise him for?