

Sermon Discussion Guide

"Faith as New Eyes for the Whole Story"

Romans 4:1-12

1.) Verse 3 states that Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness. Righteousness was granted to him because of his faith in God and not because of his own performance.

- What is the difference between "believing God" personally and "believing in God" generally?
- In what specific areas of your life are you seeking to believe (trust) God and His promises?
- In what specific areas of your life are you struggling to believe God (trust) and His promises?

2.) We tend to make up promises of God to believe or we neglect to search for God's promises in his word because we are so focused on our circumstances.

- What promises of God do you need to search for in God's word that will help you "walk in the footsteps of faith" (vs. 12) this week?

3.) In verses 6-8, Paul references David to describe what it means to truly be blessed.

- How would you describe what it means to be blessed?
- How does the world define what it means to be blessed or to have a blessed life?
- How do these verses describe what it means to be blessed? How does this truth impact your life and your relationship with God?
- In what ways do you struggle to believe and feel that you are forgiven?