Edify Small Group Handout - Sermon 10/25/26

***Abraham Believed God* (Romans 4:1-8) by John Gomez**

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1. **Opening: Read & Reflect:** Begin by reading the passage together. Have someone briefly summarize Sunday's sermon.

a. **Main Point:** Abraham's justification proves that justification is by grace through faith

b. **Grand Points of the Text:**
i. The Example: Abraham was justified through faith (v. 1-3)
ii. The Lesson: Justification is a gift of grace (v. 4-5)
iii. The Confirmation: David also teaches the blessing of God's grace (v. 6-8)

c. **Opening question:** What stood out to you, challenged you, or encouraged you from Sunday's sermon?

2. **LEARN: What does this section of scripture teach us?**

a. The Example: Abraham was justified through faith (v. 1-3)

Question 1: Why does Paul use Abraham as an example of how we are made right with God?

Question 2: What does it mean that Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

Question 3: What is the difference between believing in God and believing God?

b. The Lesson: Justification is a gift of grace (v. 4-5)

Question 1: What is the difference between earning a paycheck and receiving a gift?

Question 2: When the passage speaks of the person who "does not work," does that mean Christians should not do good works?

Question 3: Why is it encouraging that God justifies the ungodly?

c. The Confirmation: David also teaches the blessing of God's grace (v. 6-8)

Question 1: Why does Paul bring King David into the discussion after talking about Abraham?

Question 2: According to Psalm 32, what happened when David stopped hiding his sin and confessed it to God?

Question 3: What does it mean that God will not count our sins against us?

d. Applications: How do we apply these teachings in a genuine fashion?

1. Are there areas of your life where you find yourself trying to earn God's approval rather than resting in His grace?

2. When God's promises seem difficult to believe because of your circumstances, how can Abraham's example encourage you?

3. How does knowing that your sins are forgiven change the way you view yourself and your relationship with God?

3. **Homework/contemplation/meditation:**

Read Romans 4:1–8 and Psalm 32:1–5.

Each day this week, write down one reason you are grateful for God's grace. Instead of focusing on what you must do to earn God's favor, thank Him for what He has already done for you through Jesus Christ.

4. **Closing:** *Praying for one another*