



### As A Group...

1. Spend time praying for one another.
2. Encourage and hold one another accountable in the area of having a personal quiet time.
3. Talk about each member's "one" friend or family member who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them by name and encourage and hold one another accountable to share the gospel or offer an invitation to the "one."
4. As a group, plan an activity that you can invite unchurched neighbors to so that you can get to know the people around your group.
5. As a group, encourage and hold each other accountable in the area of serving. Where is each member serving in the body of Christ and the kingdom?

### Discussion Questions

1. As a group, read Romans 4:1-23.
2. Based on the sermon this week, what does it mean that Christ is the ***object of our faith***?
3. Why do you think faith is the only way that God bestows grace and justification? Why don't you think God would demand that we work for righteousness? Why would He choose to freely give it to us and only require faith?
4. How does this doctrine of Sola Fide give us freedom and relief from the burden of justification resting on us and our "performance?"
5. In what ways are we tempted to make other things—even good things like faith itself (the proportion, size, etc.)—the object of our faith? In other words, how are we tempted to trust good things—even our own faith—more than Christ sometimes?
6. In Romans 4, Paul uses Abraham and God's covenant of grace with him as an example of our own faith and righteousness. How does Paul address the issue of works (circumcision), faith, and righteousness in Abraham's life? What is his point in making sure we get the order correct?
7. How is righteousness fleshed out in good works a result of the righteousness that God imputes to us?
8. As we heard in the message this week, one of Martin Luther's great contributions was redefining the way we see our vocations as a way we can live out righteousness. What is God teaching you through this perspective?

