

Discussion Guide

You Can't Do It
April 13/14, 2024

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

Last week we talked about how God made it possible for anyone who believes in Jesus Christ to be justified before God, because Jesus has redeemed them from slavery to sin, and given himself as a sacrifice that provides the atonement for their sins. This week we are focusing on how Jesus paid for our debts and offers the gift of righteousness to us.

- What was the silliest thing you believed in as a kid? How did you react when you found out it wasn't true?

PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ ROMANS 4:1-25 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- Why did Paul choose to use Abraham as an example here?
- Why might Paul want the audience to know Abraham was right with God before his circumcision? (Vss. 9-12)
- Is there anything today that seems comparable to circumcision in terms of being a "seal of righteousness?" (Vs. 11)
- How do verses 23-25 explain and summarize the Gospel?



PART 3: REFLECT. DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What can we learn about faith from the examples in verses 18-21?
- Who are some other biblical characters that you respect as examples of faith? What is most important about these people to you?
- Do you more frequently view your relationship with God as a gift to be received or a prize to be earned? Why?
- Where are you being stretched in your ability to trust God's promises?

PART 4: KEY VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 4:7-8
Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

PART 5: NEXT STEPS

- I am thankful that God has the power to keep his promises.
- I will trust in the righteousness provided for me in Jesus instead of falling into the trap of trying to earn it myself.
- I am ready to trust in Jesus as my Lord and Savior and experience the righteousness only God can provide.

