

Small Group Discussion Guide

Beyond All Hope: Believing in God's Promise
Romans 4:1–25



Warm Up (Engage the Heart)

- What's the biggest promise someone has ever made to you? Did they keep it?
- When life feels hopeless, what's your natural response—push harder, give up, or look to God?
- If you had to describe “faith” in one word, what would you choose?



Know It (Explore the Word)

1. Abraham was saved by faith in God's promise (vv. 1–8):

- Why does Paul say Abraham was not justified by works but by faith?
- How does David's testimony (vv. 6–8) reinforce this truth?

2. Abraham was saved by grace (vv. 9–17):

- Why is it important that Abraham was declared righteous before circumcision?
- How does this show that salvation is available to all, not just to the Jews?
- What does Paul mean when he says the promise “comes by faith, so that it may be by grace” (v. 16)?

3. Abraham was saved by resurrection power (vv. 18–25):

- How did Abraham keep believing when all hope seemed lost (vv. 18–21)?
- How does Paul connect Abraham's faith to our faith in Christ's death and resurrection (vv. 23–25)?
- What does this passage teach us about God's ability to bring life from death and hope from despair?



Share It (Connect Personally)

- Where do you struggle most—trusting God’s promise, resting in His grace, or believing His resurrection power? Why?
- Abraham’s faith “did not waver” even when his circumstances seemed impossible. What’s one area of your life right now where you need to believe God “against all hope”?
- How has God’s grace encouraged you when you’ve felt unworthy or undeserving?
- How can the resurrection of Jesus give you courage in your daily challenges?



Live It (Apply the Truth)

- **Faith step:**
 - This week, identify one promise of God that speaks directly into a situation you’re facing. Write it down and pray it daily.
- **Grace reminder:**
 - Each day, thank God for one way you’ve experienced His undeserved kindness.
- **Resurrection hope:**
 - Share the hope of Christ’s resurrection with someone who feels “beyond hope.” Even a short encouragement can point them to life in Christ.
- **Group challenge:**
 - Check in with one another midweek to share how you’re actively trusting God’s promises in real, practical ways.