

5. Read Romans 4:17-25 and Romans 1:18-32. Compare and contrast a life that believes God vs. a life that believes in God.

6. How do you attempt to control your image, finances, happiness through relationships?

7. What parts of your life are you attempting to control happiness, comfort, and contentment?

8. How, as a community, can we helplessly walk through doubts, struggles, and pain in our lives through faith?

The Gospel Journey Back to God
(A series on Romans 1-4)
"The Need for a Helpless Faith"
Romans 3:27-4:25

3 Ways Scripture Shows us the Need for a Helpless Faith

1. A _____ heart.
Romans 3:27-28, 4:3-8

Two rival visions of the Christian Faith

- The _____ life that believes in God.

- The transformed heart that _____ God.

The joy of the Christian life is not that our sins are forgiven, it is that our sins are no longer held against us. -N.T. Wright

2. A new _____.
Romans 3:29-30, 4:9-17

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What are ways you try to control your closeness to God, both as an individual and to the lost people in your life?

3. How is total faith in God a terrifying reality for us?

4. Look at the question: Is your faith built around fear or the God that raises dead people to life? Where have you fallen into each of these categories?

The _____ reality is that Christianity is completely by faith.

Is your Christianity built around _____ or around a God that raises dead people to life?

3. An example to _____.
Romans 4:17-25

God made the promises, God did the work, God accomplished his promise in Jesus. Abraham just followed and _____.

Abraham is our example because he knew he _____ God.