

Dig Deeper @Home – “For the Sake of His Name”

Complement to lesson on 4/30/23 – “Justifying Faith”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What does it mean to be an heir? Have you ever inherited anything?
2. Lots of “counting” will be taking place in the Scriptures for this week’s Dig Deeper Guide. How old were you when you were first able to count to 100?

MEMORIZE – Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

READ – Read Romans 4

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is there anything you don’t understand? If so, how could you come to a better understanding? (Consult a study Bible or commentary? Ask a friend, parent, or teacher?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. A large majority of Romans 4 is comparing and contrasting justification by faith and justification by the law, specifically in the example of Abraham. What observations can you make concerning the truths Paul is trying to reveal and the untruths he is trying to disprove?
3. Romans 4:3 references a specific Scripture about Abraham; do you know which one?
(Hint: 1st book of the Bible, chapter 30 ÷2, verse 2+4)
4. It is next to impossible to understand Romans 4 without reading the story it continually references. Take a minute to read Genesis 15....
 - a. Was Abraham declared righteous due to following the law? Being circumcised?
If not, then why?
 - b. What significance does that have for you and me? (Hint: Romans 4:20-25)



EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY / SING – *Father Abraham*

Do you remember the “Father Abraham” kids’ song? Swinging your arms and legs, giggling with your friends, and being reminded that you too are an heir of God’s promise to Abraham that he would be the spiritual father of many nations? Here’s a reminder: <https://youtu.be/DT29WMmlyRw>

Harken back to a time when you weren’t afraid to look silly... cast aside your self-conscious inhibitions and sing it now! If you are completing this activity as a group, be as silly as possible, but see who is the last one to hold back their laughter. (It only counts if they are being silly and participating as well!) Don’t be surprised when you find yourself humming the tune all week, and use this as a reminder that you are too are a child of God, as “faith is counted to you as righteousness!” (Romans 4:21-25)

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let’s all praise the Lord.
Right arm!**

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let’s all praise the Lord.
Right arm, left arm!**

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let’s all praise the Lord.
Right arm, left arm, right foot!**

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let’s all praise the Lord.
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot!**

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let’s all praise the Lord.
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot,
Chin up!**

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let’s all praise the Lord.
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot,
Chin up, turn around!**

**Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let’s all praise the Lord.
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot,
Chin up, turn around, sit down!**

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

As you go this week, remember that you are loved by God and called to be saints. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.