



## LIFE GROUP NOTES

### Romans 4 The Gospel: Life and death



#### Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

#### **Romans 4:1-8**

#### Warm Up

What is the definition of a good person?

Can a godless person be good?

#### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. How helpful to you is the summary of Romans 1:18 – 3:20 as 'a diamond on a dark background?'
2. If you died tonight and God asked you why should I let you into heaven what would you say?
3. In Romans 3:27 Paul says the gospel excludes boasting – why does it do that?

#### **Read Romans 4:1-8**

4. Paul contrast earning wages with receiving a gift, what's the significance of the contrast?
5. Do you know in your heart the blessings that David speaks of in v7-8? And how does it make you feel to reflect on it again?
6. What could you say to help someone to give up 'trying to please God to be saved' and start 'trusting God to be saved'?
7. How does doing so change our whole relationship with God?

#### Growing in discipleship: Practical application

8. How does the gospel motivate us to obey God and how is this different from the way religion does it?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.