

CAN ANYONE ACTUALLY KNOW THEY'LL GO TO HEAVEN?
Romans: The Goodness and Power of the Gospel
Life Group Discussion

ICEBREAKER: Share where you were living and a memory from when you were in 1st grade. Or, try this game just for fun:

- Gather enough notecards so that each group member can have one.
- Prior to group meeting, write the name of a famous person (real or fictional) on the card and place them face down on a table.
- As group members arrive, have them choose a card and place it on their forehead either by holding it in place or taping it. The famous person's name should be facing outward so that only other group members can see it.
- Group members can then ask Yes/No questions to determine "who they are."

1. Go around and share an application from your "Week 5" Reading

2. Does anyone have any other questions or insights from the reading that you would like to discuss with the group?

3. Read Romans 4 (either one person or divide it up by paragraph)

- Have you ever struggled with knowing if you were truly saved? What made you unsure?
- Verse 12 and 16 encourage us to have "faith like Abraham". What are the characteristics of Abraham's faith that are commendable?
- Consider the story in Genesis 16:1-3 and Genesis 20:1-2. In light of these, how can Paul say in Rom 4:20: "Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise"? How can this encourage us in our own times of questioning?
- Read verse 24-25 again. Have you found it difficult at times to really believe, feel and walk in the truth that God counts you righteous through your faith in Jesus?

4. Read James 2:14-26. Are Paul and James in conflict? How do these passages actually complement each other?

5. Discuss and decide on a way your group can serve others this holiday season.

6. Take time to pray for one another's needs.