

## DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. Ask those who feel comfortable to share some things they do to try to prove themselves worthy of God's love. How do such actions actually hinder your relationship with God?

11. How does trusting Christ for His gift of grace actually produce greater, deeper obedience to God than trying to earn His favor by good works?

12. How have you experienced the joy that comes from the forgiveness God gives?

### Prayer Requests

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Sermon Notes

The Freedom of Living by Faith

Romans 4:1-25

What we learn from Abraham about Living by Faith:

1. Faith was credited as righteousness (v. 1-3)

2. What does 'credited' mean? (v. 4-8)

3. When did the 'crediting of righteousness' happen?  
(v. 9-15)

4. What does the crediting of righteousness mean for us?  
(v. 16-22)

5. What P\_\_\_\_\_ must we B\_\_\_\_\_ to receive  
this credit? (v. 23-25)

Nothing sets us free to live with J\_\_\_\_\_ and H\_\_\_\_\_ like  
S\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_ in the P\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

## **GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK**

March 15, 2015

### **THINKING THINGS THROUGH**

1. Apart from God, whose approval do you strive for? Why?
2. How does seeking this person's approval influence your attitude, behavior, and decision making?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### **READ PSALM 32:1-2.**

3. How would most people in our culture define what it means to be "blessed"? What does David mean by his use of the term in verses 1 and 2?
4. How might the blessing of which David speaks be received? What's wrong with thinking that we can earn God's blessing?

#### **READ PSALM 32:3-11.**

5. What motivates us to keep silent about our sin? What are some of the physical and emotional consequences that might come from unconfessed sin (vv. 3-4, 10)?
6. How was God involved in the consequences that David faced (v. 4)? Why was it important for David to acknowledge God's involvement? Why might this be important for us to acknowledge with regard to our own sin?
7. In Psalm 32:5, what was David's decision? What were the consequences of David's decision?
8. If God already knows our sin, what is the point of confessing it to Him? How does the acknowledgement of sin impact your relationship with God?
9. According to Jesus, what made the Samaritan well (v. 19)? Based on this story, how would you make the connection between faith and gratitude (vv. 16-19)?