

Discussion / Reflection Guide -- “O.K. With God”
Week of January 21, 2018

Read Genesis 15:1-6; Romans 4:1-25; Ephesians 2:8-9

- Abram’s name was later changed to Abraham (Gen. 17:5). It is the same person. Why was God “impressed” with Abram? Gen. 15:6.
- What is the difference between wages and gifts? (Romans 4:4). Why is this difference important in the discussion of Abram?
- What is the difference between God considering “faith” to be a trusting response to what God has promised as opposed to “faith” being some sort of religious activity? Why is that important?
- The Bible makes it clear that God accepted Abram and considered him to be “righteous” because of his faith, not because of some religious activity he might have done. See Romans 4:6, 13-14, 16-17. What does it mean to be “righteous?”
- Does this whole discussion have any relevance to us today? Why is it important? See Romans 4:23-24.
- Have you ever thought you need to DO something “religious” in order for God to let you into heaven? Do you still feel that way?
- How does the story of Abram help to resolve this issue? Does Ephesians 2:8-9 help you understand the question of how we can be “O.K.” with God? Do you really believe you can be “O.K.” with God simply by placing your faith / trust in Him? What difference should this make in the way you approach faith and religion?