

## REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

### **Read Romans 4:1-5:11**

- If God were to ask you, “ Why should I let you into heaven,” what would you say?
- How would you define faith? Has that definition changed through your reading of Romans 4?
- How do you experience the blessing of forgiveness? Are there things, which cause you to forget or under-appreciate it?
- Can you think of ways that you have acted in faith when it was hard? Are you being called to do so right now?
- Is there an area of suffering or disappointment in your life, which you are seeing as punishment from God, instead of God working to bring you closer to him?
- Reflect on the points that were made regarding justification. Which of these points is most precious to you today and why? Which of these points most challenges the way you see yourself and your life and why?



### **What's Happening at Wave Church SD?**

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#### **Wave Women's Retreat Save the Date ~ Sept. 23-25**

Wave Women! We are so excited to offer our 2nd annual Women's Retreat! We are headed to Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center for two nights. We will have a special guest speaker, Stephanie Kelly, to encourage and lead us in worship. Please Save the Date on your Calendars!

Registration begins on June 26th. Cost \$200

**“JUSTIFICATION”**  
**Romans 4:1-5:11**  
**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**Justification:** *The Act of God pardoning, accepting, and declaring a sinner to be right in his sight, on the basis of Christ's sacrifice.*

**JUSTIFICATION CAUSES US TO BE SET FREE FROM A LIFE OF  
PERFORMANCE!**

**ABRAHAM IS AN EXAMPLE OF A JUSTIFIED LIFE:**

**Romans 4:3** *For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”*

- **WE ARE LOVED AND ACCEPTED BY GOD WHILE WE OURSELVES ARE SINFUL AND IMPERFECT.**

**What is saving faith?**

1. The ending of one kind of trust (Trust in our Works)
2. The beginning of another kind of trust (Trust in God's Works)

**Romans 4:17 (The Message)** *We call Abraham “father” not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn't that what we've always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, “I set you up as father of many peoples”? Abraham was first named “father” and then became a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do.*

- **WE ARE BECOMING GOD-MADE WOMEN & MEN NOT SELF-MADE WOMEN & MEN.**

**Romans 4:20-25** <sup>20</sup> *No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,* <sup>21</sup> *fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.* <sup>22</sup> *That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”* <sup>23</sup> *But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone,* <sup>24</sup> *but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,* <sup>25</sup> *who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

- **THE LIFE OF FAITH IS NOT THE PERFECT LIFE, RATHER IT IS A LIFE THAT CLINGS TO WHAT GOD SAID HE WILL DO.**

**THE BENEFITS JUSTIFICATION BRINGS**

**Romans 5:1-2** *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* <sup>2</sup> *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

- **PEACE WITH GOD**

**Romans 5:3-5** <sup>3</sup> *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,* <sup>4</sup> *and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,* <sup>5</sup> *and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

- **JOY IN SUFFERING**

**Romans 5:6-11** <sup>6</sup> *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.* <sup>7</sup> *For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—* <sup>8</sup> *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* <sup>9</sup> *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.* <sup>10</sup> *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.* <sup>11</sup> *More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

- **REAL ASSURANCE**