

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

### Lesson Seven: Romans 4

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1. What matter is Paul addressing in verse 1?
2. a) What two men from the Old Testament does Paul use in verses 1-8 to illustrate faith?  
b) What facts about faith did each man teach?
3. Explain the meaning of verse 3 in your own words: ***“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”*** Look up Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12:2-3, Genesis 15:2-6 and Genesis 15:15-16 to help you. Be very thorough in your answer.
4. According to David's illustration in verses 6-8, who are blessed in this world?
5. Faith in Jesus Christ is the way to righteousness according to Romans 3:21-26. The following verses confirm this truth. Write them out verbatim.

Romans 3:22

Romans 5:1

Galatians 2:16

2 Corinthians 5:21

Philippians 3:9

6. Verses 10–12 describe when Abraham was credited with righteousness. It was before he was circumcised.
  - a) Why do you think this is an important detail?
  - b) How does this affect the whole world?

7. a) In verses 13–15 what truth is repeated?
- b) What two truths about the law are stated in verse 15?
- c) How do you find yourself still living by the law and not by faith?
8. Verse 16 shares that grace is the outcome of our faith in Jesus Christ. Define grace.
9. a) Verses 18–21 share how Abraham had faith in a hopeless circumstance. Describe that circumstance.
- b) Name a hopeless circumstance from your life.  
Did you handle it through faith and what was the outcome?
- c) Is there a circumstance right now that you are trying to handle apart from faith? How can you let your faith become active in this time?

**Going deeper:**

10. Abraham and David were used as illustrations of faith and grace. Write an illustration from your life that could be used to portray the power of personal faith and God's grace.