

**DISCUSSION GUIDE: Romans 4:13-15**  
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In Romans 4:13-16, Paul continues to stress the importance of justification by faith. He shows that justification by faith is not just important, but the only way that people can be saved. This points us to God's grace and love for the world.

1. Paul uses strong language in Verses 13-14, making sure we understand that God's promise to Abraham was about faith and not works. If it depended on works, faith has no value, and the promise to Abraham is empty.

—What are some promises that God makes to all of His people?

—In what ways do you find yourself trying to earn things that God has already promised, like salvation?

2. In verse 15, Paul tells us that the law brings wrath, showing us our need for Jesus.

—Can you think of any specific sins that you would not have identified if you didn't have the Bible?

3. Verse 16 continues a theme that we see throughout the Bible; God is for the nations.

—Do you find it tempting to limit salvation to certain types of people? What types of people do you usually put up walls and barriers against?

—Justification by faith is not individualistic. Christians are not just saved from something but to something. What mission are we saved to? What group of people are we brought into?

4. This truth also shows us that God is not concerned with a specific geographic location. Christians can easily fall into the trap of seeing America or Israel as the promised land, but God has a bigger plan.

—Where is the true promised land that God has promised his people?

—What does this promise to all the nations tell us about God's character? How should we live in light of this?