

Who Can Access God's Favor?

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WARM UP

What are you thankful for? What are you looking forward to on Thanksgiving Day?

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Operation Christmas Child Drop off donations to the WC receptacles by Sunday, November 19. Learn more at SamaritansPurse.org.

Thanksgiving Sunday: One Worship Service Sunday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.

12 Days of Christmas Weekends in December. Participate by inviting your friends and family, by volunteering, or by donating toys for kids and resources for homeless youth. Learn more and purchase tickets at GracePolaris.org/Christmas.

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 What insights or new ideas from Sunday's sermon caught your attention?
- 2 Why is it that we want to earn our standing before God? How does the fact that our world operates on a "contribution equals compensation" standard impact our thinking and behavior?
- 3 What does it mean that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness (4:3; Genesis 15:6)?
- 4 What does it mean to be justified? Why is this so important?
- 5 David speaks of the great blessing enjoyed by those who receive God's righteousness by faith (4:6-8). If that describes you, share about how your life has been blessed. How would you explain how to receive this blessing to a friend?
- 6 What is significant about the fact that Abraham was justified by faith prior to his circumcision? Have you placed your confidence in other things that you've had to overcome in order to receive God's righteousness by faith alone? Share about that.
- 7 Read Hebrews 11. What do you learn about the nature of faith from this passage? What challenges you from the lives of those mentioned?

PRAY

Pray for wisdom to walk by faith and for the opportunity/courage to share it.