

Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 4:13-25

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Helps students understand the purpose of the Law & connects Abraham's faith to modern struggles and fears

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – God Keeps His Promises

Discuss:

- Why did God make His promise to Abraham before the Law existed?
- What does this teach us about salvation?
- Why is it important that salvation depends on God and not us?

Romans 4:13 "The promise to Abraham... was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith."

Have students discuss:

- God's promises
- Grace
- Faith
- Salvation not earned by works

Part B – The Promise Comes Through Faith

Have them discuss law vs grace:

Romans 4:14-16

Discuss:

- Why the Law cannot save
- Why grace gives hope
- Why faith removes boasting

Depending on the Law	Depending on Grace
Trying to earn righteousness	Receiving righteousness by faith
Focus on human effort	Focus on God's promise
Produces fear and failure	Produces hope and assurance
Depends on performance	Depends on God's faithfulness

Part C – Abraham’s Faith During the Impossible

Ask: “How did Abraham continue trusting God when circumstances seemed impossible?”

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Romans 4:18-21 “In hope against hope he believed...”
- Genesis 15:5-6 “Abraham believed the Lord...”
- Luke 1:37 “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Discuss:

- Abraham trusted God despite impossible circumstances
- Faith believes God is able
- God’s power is greater than human weakness

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why do people often trust themselves more than God?
- How does grace bring peace instead of fear?
- What does real faith look like in everyday life?
- How can believers grow stronger in faith?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

Ask students to write or answer out loud: “What promise of God do I need to trust more deeply?”

OR

Where am I relying on myself instead of God?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God this week to reveal more of His promises through His Word. As you read, examine your heart and ask yourself: Do I truly believe what God says? Am I living in a way that reflects trust in His promises? How can I more faithfully serve and obey Him now that He has revealed these truths to me?

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: God’s promises are received through faith, not earned through human effort.