

## Suggested Discussion Questions for 2/13/2022 Message:

### Way Back (Romans 4:1-25)

1. Give your best shot at summarizing Paul's primary points in Romans chapters 1-3.
2. *Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.* In what ways is it similar and dissimilar for us who live after the death and resurrection of Jesus?
3. What does it mean for you to "believe God" after the initial faith that brings salvation?
4. In your opinion, where would God want us (individually and as a church) to trust him more; to live more by faith?
5. What are the negative repercussions in your own life when you fail to exercise strong faith in God?
6. Do you think people today are more likely to trust their good works, their religious rituals, their rules (code of ethics) or something else if they do not trust Christ? How does this impact the way we share the gospel in word and action?
7. Verse 18 says Abraham believed *in hope against hope*. What do you understand it to mean? How does it challenge your own faith?
8. Though we don't believe it theologically (doctrinally), it seems some professing believers still evidence a "Jesus plus something else" lifestyle. What are things people may unnecessarily add to faith in Christ alone? How do you think Paul would refute that practice?
9. What in this passage makes the greatest impression on you? How does it challenge you to respond?