

# NEW CREATION CHURCH

Small Group Guide

Week of May 3, 2026

## Small Group Guide: Small Groups Discussion Guide: Faith Acts – Part 3

(Based on April 26, 2026 Teaching)

### Key Scripture Passages

- Mark 16:14-20
- Romans 4:1-25
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### Key Takeaways

#### 1. Faith is Responding to What God Has Already Done

God has already moved through Jesus Christ—He died, was buried, and rose again. Our response is to act as if what God said is true because it IS true.

#### 2. Justification Comes Through Faith, Not Works

Abraham was declared righteous not because of his efforts or good deeds, but because he believed God. Justification means being declared innocent—"just as if I've never sinned."

#### 3. Faith Doesn't Deny Reality But Isn't Governed By It

Abraham acknowledged his body was old and Sarah's womb was barren, but he didn't let those facts determine his response. He focused on what God said instead.

#### 4. We Are the Righteousness of God in Christ

When we believe in Jesus, righteousness is imputed to us immediately—not after we prove ourselves worthy.

### Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Moses explained that Abraham "did not consider his own body already dead." What does it mean to not deny reality but also not be governed by it?
2. Read Romans 4:20-21. What does it mean to be "fully convinced" that God will perform what He promised? How is that different from just hoping something will happen?
3. The sermon mentioned that many people wait for their actions to demonstrate righteousness before believing they are justified. Why do you think we struggle to simply believe what God says about us?
5. What is one area of your life where you've been relying on your own effort rather than believing what God has already said and done?
6. Abraham strengthened his faith by "giving glory to God" (Romans 4:20). What are practical ways you can give glory to God when circumstances seem contrary to His promises?
7. The sermon emphasized that "faith doesn't stagger." What promise from God's Word do you need to stop wavering on and instead stand firm in faith?

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## Practical Application

### Option 1: Declaration Exercise

- Each morning, declare out loud one truth about who God says you are (examples: "I am the righteousness of God in Christ," "I am a new creation," "I am justified by faith").
- Journal how this daily declaration affects your thoughts and actions throughout the week.

### Option 2: Identify Your "Isaac"

- What has God promised you that seems impossible based on your current circumstances?
- Write down that promise and commit to "not wavering" by choosing to focus on God's Word rather than the circumstances.
- Share this with one trusted person for accountability.

### Option 3: Give Glory to God

- Each day, find three specific ways to give God glory for promises He's made, even before you see them fulfilled.
- Practice thanking Him for what He's already done through Jesus Christ.

## Prayer Focus

- Thank God for making us righteous through faith in Jesus Christ
- Ask for strength to be fully convinced of His promises
- Pray for boldness to declare what God says about us rather than what circumstances suggest
- Commit to responding in faith to God's Word this week

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**Romans 4:20-21** - "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform."