1. **Romans 4:9-12**

* When was “faith” “credited” to Abraham, before or after circumcision?
* Who all fall into the category of being a descendant of “Abraham”, according to Paul in this passage?
* Look back over **verse 12** in **Romans**, what title does Paul attribute to “Abraham”?
* **Acts 7:1-3**
* Who does **Stephen** appeal to as “fathers” in the book of **Acts**?
* **1 Corinthians 4:15**
* Who does **Paul** say he is the “father” of here in **1st Corinthians**?
* **James 2:21**
* Who does **James** call “father”?
* **1 John 2:12-14**
* Who is **John** appealing to as “fathers” in this writing and what might be the difference between them and the “young men”?
* **1 Timothy 5:1**
* How does **Paul** instruct us to “appeal” to older man in **1 Timothy**?
* **Matthew 23:1-12**
* In **Matthew**, what titles does Jesus forbid the apostles to give others?
* Considering these passages where Paul, John, James, and Stephen all appeal to men as “father” including “Abraham”, “older man” and people in the community, state why they are not going against Jesus Christ instructions in **Matthew**?
* Can you name the **4th Commandment**?
* **Catechism** **2199, 2234, 2247-2248**
* Who all does the **4th Commandment** extend to?

1. **Romans 4:13-18**

* How many times does Paul use the word “father” in this passage?
* Please explain why “Abraham” is our father too?
* How does Paul describe “faith” in this passage?
* How can “the law” produce “wrath”?

1. **Romans 4:19-25**

* Abraham’s righteousness was “credited to him” because “he did not doubt” and his actions testified to his “faith”, was this righteousness “credited” just for Abraham “alone” or does it apply to us too today as Christians, please share your thoughts?
* **Hebrews 11:1-40**
* Consider those who had faith which was demonstrated by their works and reflect on your life to this point, what would the author of **Hebrews** say about you (you can share if you like or just reflect)?
* Please share two things you know about your faith that stood out in today’s study.