

Romans 4:1-8

Questions:

1. How helpful to you is the summary of Romans 1:18 – 3:20 as ‘a diamond on a dark background?’
2. If you died tonight and God asked you why should I let you into heaven what would you say?
3. In Romans 3:27 Paul says the gospel excludes boasting – why does it do that?

4. Read Romans 4:1-8

5. Paul contrast earning wages with receiving a gift, what’s the significance of the contrast?
6. Do you know in your heart the blessings that David speaks of in v7-8? And how does it make you feel to reflect on it again?
7. What could you say to help someone to give up ‘trying to please God to be saved’ and start ‘trusting God to be saved’?
8. How does doing so change our whole relationship with God?
9. How does the gospel motivate us to obey God and how is this different from the way religion does it?