Discussion Questions - 3/8/26

Romans 4:13-25 - Abraham, Our Contemporary

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- God's Promise (vv. 13–17): Paul emphasizes that the promise to Abraham came through faith, not through the law.

What does this passage teach us about the nature of God's promise—its basis, its scope, and its certainty? How does understanding that the promise rests on grace (not law-keeping) reshape how we relate to God today?

- The Person of Abraham and His Faith (vv. 18–22): Abraham believed "against hope," trusting God's word despite impossible circumstances.

What specific aspects of Abraham's faith stand out in verses 18–22? How does his refusal to "weaken in faith" or "waver through unbelief" challenge the way we respond to delays, doubts, or visible obstacles in our own lives?

- The Promise Applied to Us in Christ (vv. 23–25): Paul makes it clear that Abraham's story "was not written for his sake alone, but for ours also."

According to verses 23–24, what does it mean for righteousness to be "counted" to us? How does this connect believers today—Jew and Gentile alike—to Abraham as our father in faith?

- Paul climaxes the passage with Jesus: "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

How does verse 25 explain how God keeps His promise? What do Christ's death and resurrection accomplish, and why is the resurrection essential for our justification? How does this verse keep our faith from being abstract and anchor it firmly in the finished work of Jesus?