

**WHITFIELD PARISH**  
St James' Church † St Luke's Church

**LIFE Group Notes w/b Sunday 18 January 2009**

*Abraham the man of faith*  
Romans 4

John Stott writes:

“Fundamental to the gospel is the truth that the saving initiative from beginning to end belongs to God the Father. No formulation of the gospel is biblical that removes the initiative from God.”

1. What does John Stott mean in this quote?

**Read Romans 4**

2. What words and phrases in this chapter seem important? Why?
3. Was Abraham justified by works or by faith? Use Romans 4 to explain your answer.
4. Romans 4 v.10 asks when Abraham was credited as righteous. Was it after he was circumcised or before? What do v.9-12 say? What difference does it make?
5. According to 4 v.16, in what sense is Abraham “father of us all”?

6. God gives “life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were” (v.17). What examples do you see of this in v.18-25?
7. What is your favourite sentence in Romans 4? Why is the sentence significant to you?
8. What do we contribute to our salvation?

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**Prayer idea**

Create a prayer based on the sentence you chose in question 7. Why not use it in your prayer time?