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3. This truth distinguishes the _____ from all other man-made _____.

4. This truth exalts God's grace, God's Son and God's glory by removing any and all causes of _____ before God.

III. How We Use IT?

A. Let IT turn you _____

B. Let IT move you _____

- Wake up to the ways you look for, find and measure your _____ righteousness apart from _____.
- Watch out for the ways _____ measure _____ righteousness and the ways _____ measure _____ righteousness.
- Work at finding and _____ in your righteousness in _____.

C. Let IT move you _____

I. What IT Means?

He believed . . .

in the Lord . . .

and He reckoned it to him . . .

as righteousness . . .

II. Why IT Matters?

1. This truth establishes _____ as the sole basis for a right standing and relationship with a righteous God for all time and people.
2. This truth works because of the _____ of Jesus Christ, demonstrated in a perfect, sinless life, and then credited to those who put their trust in Him.

PREPARING to be with One Another

Use a separate sheet of paper or notebook to work through these questions in advance of your Growth Group gathering. The more people come prepared, the richer and deeper and more real our discussions will be with one another.

CONNECTING with One Another

Open your time by checking in with one another to see how you're doing and how one another's week was.

EXPLORING God's Word with One Another

Remember, we're giving you more than you can really discuss here. Pick a few questions that will take you back into the content of the passage and message.

1. Read Genesis 15 together and review the events in Abram's life which led him to this moment.
2. What does the life of Abram in general and Genesis 15 specifically show us about God?
3. In what 3 ways does the life of Abraham point us to the Gospel? Make sure you discuss and understand the 3 ways. What are some evidences of God's grace toward Abram in Genesis 15?
4. How does the life of Abraham show us what real faith looks like? What does it look like based on Abraham's life? What's the relationship between faith and obedience?

APPLYING God's Word with One Another

1. What was most interesting and/or challenging for you in this week's text/message? What were the emotions you felt as you heard and thought about God's Word this week?
2. Abraham's experiences with God happened sporadically over a life time, but they are compressed tightly for us in a few pages in Genesis. What's your relationship with God like? Do you feel like you are in a relationship with Him? Does it seem real? How and where do you experience Him?
3. Which most often describes your relationship with God and why?
 - resting in grace,
 - wallowing in guilt,
 - performance striving
 - none of the above, but rather _____
4. Where are you in your journey of faith? Where are you struggling in your faith? Do you feel like your faith is integrated across the landscape of your life or is it sectioned off as a separate distinct segment of your life?

PRAYING for One Another

1. Quickly share personal requests.
2. Use the truth of the message as a "springboard" to pray for your personal growth, your Growth Group and the growth of our life at GraceSLO.