Sermon Discussion Guide

Romans 4:9-12---“Signs and Seals”

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1. Why do you think that so many religions or faiths rely so heavily on rituals?

2. Why is it significant that Abraham was counted as righteous before he was circumcised? (Genesis 15 and 17)

3. How do a sign and seal differ from each other?

4. Why is it important that we have both signs AND seals?

5. The Jewish people were tempted to put their faith in externalities such as circumcision, knowledge/conformity to the Law and ethnic origin (see Phil 3:2-7). What externalities might we (specifically believers at Christ Covenant Church in 2026) be tempted to put our faith in?

6. What things in your spiritual lives can run the risk of turning from faith into ritual?

7. What does it mean that we as a Church all have the same Father Abraham?

8. Pastor Kevin highlighted that the sign pointed to fulfillment of God's covenantal promises and acted as a seal of the righteousness God provided. What is a way that you feel compelled to adjust your thinking or activities in light of this passage? Would you be willing to be held accountable to that by another brother or sister in this group?