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2. Read Romans 4:9-12 together. What stands out to you in this passage? How would you put the main point of this passage in your own words?
3. According to this text why did God give Abraham the sign of circumcision? (See Genesis 17).
4. Why are human sources of identity a threat to justification by grace through faith?
5. Consider these sources of human identity: Nationality, Ethnicity, Gender, Intellect, Socio-Economic status, Marital Status, and Vocation. Which are you most prone to elevate above the gospel rather than use in service to the gospel?
6. How can this area of identity be used in service to the gospel?

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