



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

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Hebrews 11

A Better Object of Faith

This week we will spend group time discussing faith. This week we dove into Hebrews 11 and saw the various accounts of people throughout the history of the bible, each starting with “*by faith*”. Faith is absolutely the topic of conversation. These short recounts of all those who lived by faith were meant to encourage the audience of the Hebrews author to continue on despite the challenges they faced and the temptation to return to their old ways. They now have a better object of faith with fullness of assurance, Jesus Christ.

Read Verses 1-3 and spend 5 min in prayer with the Lord. What stood out to you? What is the Spirit stirring in you as you think about what faith looks like in your own life?

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”

It has always been by faith. Every single person mentioned in Hebrews 11, the author makes it a point to recognize that it was faith in God, not anything that they did, that He counted it to them righteousness. Many of them never saw the promise that was to come, and yet they persevered with their faith knowing that it was worth it. Knowing that one day the promise would come, even if not in their lifetime, that it would bless the ones that would come after them. Ultimately in Jesus Christ.

He is our better object of faith. We believe beyond the initial unfolding of God’s plan as revealed in the Old Testament.

- We see him clearly
- We have the missing pieces.
- We have the advantage of the progress of revelation.
- We see that every story whispers his name.

And yet, we have not seen our faith made sight... not quite yet! So we, like the Saints of Old, Believe by Faith.

In your life, who has the Lord brought to be an example of a person who lived by faith that helped encourage you? How did you see Christ inform how they lived in full faith of who He is, and what is to come?

(Come back together for this time and discuss)

Practice: Sharing Your Story:

Stories of Christ followers walking by faith are not only found in the Bible. These stories are all around us. Leaders, this is optional for group time this coming week or for the final week. Have one leader and 1-2 in your group come prepared to share their story of walking by faith using this [guide](#). Try to keep sharing to 3-5 minutes per person. It can be written out and read if that is helpful. Remember, the story of Christ in your life can offer encouragement to others.