

SERMON GUIDE



Hebrews 11:1-22

Sunday, November 22, 2020

***NOTE:** This guide is primarily written for group contexts (small groups, families). If doing on your own, we would encourage you to use a journal to respond to questions so that you can look back on your growth.*



OPENER

This section is to get your group dialoging about the sermon topic.

(Suggested Time: ~ 5 minutes)

- **Share a memory of a time you wished for a long shot. How does faith differ from just wishing something happens?**



LEARN

This section will help your group respond to the sermon content, as well as take a deeper dive into God's Word to continue to shape what God's Truth has to say about it.

(Suggested Time: ~ 20-25 minutes)

- **What stood out in the sermon? What did you agree/disagree, or have questions about?**
- **How do we sometimes misunderstand faith, and how does Hebrews 11 describe faith? Why do you think that is important?**

- Which of the ‘Hall of Faith’ characters in Hebrews II do you identify with? How does their faith differ from yours or inspire you?
- Pastor Jon spent a little extra time discussing the faith of Abraham and his example.
 - What did God promise Abram? What was the purpose of those promises and what steps of obedience did Abraham take to show his faith in God’s promises?
 - Read Genesis 17:15-19, 18:9-14. How was Abraham and Sarah’s faith flawed?
 - If time allows, read Romans 4. How does Paul describe Abraham’s faith? What does it mean that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness?
- Our faith is in God and His promises, yet sometimes it does feel like we are greeting them from afar or not seeing them realized yet. (see verses 13-16)
 - What promises have we seen fulfilled in our better covenant that Old Testament saints were still waiting for?
 - How are we a part of God’s kingdom today, not just in the future?



PRACTICE

This section gives you and your group an opportunity to “try” what you’re learning in a safe space. This will be a moment to try and put “flesh on” something you’re learning.

(Suggested Time: ~ 10-15 minutes)

- Hebrews II is often called the ‘Hall of Faith’ for its amazing list of examples of faith in the Bible. Take 5-7 minutes individually and write out other examples of faith you see in the Bible. Gather back together to share yours and learn from what others share.

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 **GROW**

This section is about determining personal or communal application points in light of what you've learned and discussed. This is a time to be specific and "measurable" in your application of God's Word so that your community can encourage you and hold you accountable.

(Suggested Time: ~ 10-15 minutes)

- **What is one thing, in light of this week's message and study, that you need to start, stop, or change in your life?**
- **Faith is not always flawless. At what moments have you doubted in your faith journey?**
 - *Write down doubts you currently struggle with and bring them before God.*
- **Faith is built through our acts of obedience. How can you grow in your faith this week?**
 - *What small step of trusting God have you neglected that you can start this week?*

 **PRAY**

This is your time to share requests, and pray out loud together as a group for each other.

(Suggested Time: ~ 10 minutes)

- **Share your prayer requests together and close with prayer as a group.**