



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 11

Overview: In this passage, the author provides examples from Scripture of those who lived by faith. These examples explore the nature of faith and our unity with God's people throughout history. Ultimately, this passage reminds us that we are not alone in our struggle and that God is pleased when we draw near to Him in faith and endure hardship for Christ's sake.



Into the Word

Throughout this passage the author describes what faith looks like in action. **Consider verses 1-2, 6, 13.** What characteristics of faith does the author emphasize?

Note: Biblical faith faces an unseen future with the certainty of hope

Read Romans 15:4. Pick an example in Hebrews 11. What does this person's life teach us about living by faith? How is this person's life an encouragement to us?

Resource: The Value of the Old Testament

Consider verses 39-40. According to this passage, why didn't these men and women receive all that was promised by God? What does this have to do with us?

Compare: Jude 3



Into the Heart

Does remembering that the men and women were sinful and flawed, just like us, encourage you in your life? How so?

Consider: Hebrew 12:1

Verse 6 reminds us that God delights in those who draw near to Him through faith (v. 5-6). How can we practice drawing near to God each day? How might this affect how we respond to challenges or trouble?

Resource: Relying on God Isn't a Mind Game



Into the World

Moses counted the cost of living by faith and looked to God's reward (v. 24-26). What might it cost for us to live by faith today? Why should we look to the reward?

Consider: Luke 14:27-28

Resource: How Do You Count the Cost?

Abraham lived by faith as a stranger in the very land God had promised him (v. 13-16). How will having our hope anchored in heaven change how we live in the world today?



Growth Group Prayer Guide

“He always lives to make intercession for them” (Heb 7:25)

Use the prayers below to root your prayer for one another in Scripture.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, give us (or _____) the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of you, having the eyes of our (his, her) heart(s) enlightened, that we (he, she) may know what is the hope to which you have called us (him, her), what are the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might. (Based on Ephesians 1:17-19)

May we (or _____) not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our (his, her) requests be made known to you, O God. And may your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our (his, her) heart(s) and mind(s) in Christ Jesus. (Based on Philippians 4:6-7)

God of hope, fill us (or _____) with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we (he, she) may abound in hope. (Based on Romans 15:13)

Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts (or the heart of _____) and establish us (him, her) in every good work and word. (Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

O Lord, help us (or _____) always to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer. (Based on Romans 12:12)

God our Savior, help us (or _____) to faithfully intercede in prayer with supplication and thanksgiving for all people in positions of power, that we (he, she) may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way, which is pleasing to you. (Based on 1 Timothy 2:1-3)

*“Prayer is nothing but taking God’s promises to him, and saying to him, “Do as thou hast said.”
Prayer is the promise utilized.” - Charles Spurgeon*