Draw Near:

The Gospel According to Hebrews

Iesus: The Faithful

HEBREWS 11:1-10

CORE TRUTH

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WELCOME

to remind us why we're here.



Spend about 5 minutes here.

Mission - To become more like Jesus - together.

Vision - We work out our salvation side-by-side-with honesty, humility, and hope. We walk with one another, not just to talk about Jesus, but to be transformed by him. (Philippians 2:12-13)

Guidelines - Our Group Guidelines help us live out our mission and vision with kindness and humility. We encourage you to read and discuss the guidelines together regularly-they can be found on the last page.

HEAD

to help us examine what the word shows and let in what's true.

- (L) Spend about 10 minutes here.
- · Which person of faith stands out to you most in this passage?
- How does this passage describe faith—not just what it is, but how it changes the way people live?

HEART

to help us wrestle with what we believe and be with each other in it.

- (Spend about 30 minutes here.
- · What do you most often rely on to feel secure?
- The people in Hebrews 11 acted on God's promises without seeing the full picture. When have you been asked to do the same?
- Jesus is the unseen foundation who will never shift. Where do you sense him inviting you to build on him more fully?

HANDS

to help us live out the truth with the Spirit as we go out into the world.

- Spend about 15 minutes here.
- Meditate on the following reflection now and throughout the week: Jesus, what would change if you lived today like you really are the unseen foundation beneath my life? Where would priorities shift? What fears would lose power?
- Use the following prayer based on Psalms 27 to close your time together:

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

LEADER RESOURCES

NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE

• Weekly Leader Video • Bible Project Overview • Gospel Coalition on Hebrews • Tim Keller Hebrews Series •

Hebrews 12:1-13



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SETTING THE SCENE

Before Jesus came, God's people lived by faith in promises not yet fulfilled. In Hebrews 11, we meet those ancestors of faith: they trusted God, obeyed him, and clung to the hope of things to come.

Today, we live after Jesus entered the story. Our faith isn't just based on what might happen, but on what has happened—and the one who holds our future. Jesus is the unseen foundation of all our faith.

SCRIPTURE

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

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DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDELINES

- Safe Group: We strive for an environment where everyone can be open, and honest about his or her struggles and victories.
- Confidentiality: What is said in the group stays in the group.
- Listen: We want to value one another by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond while someone is sharing.
- Pause: Allowing a pause in the conversation after one person shares and before the next person shares gives the person sharing a chance to finish. A pause also gives the group an opportunity to consider before responding.
- Silence: It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for people to think deeply, to gather their thoughts in order to share, and to genuinely consider what others have shared.
- One Conversation at a Time: Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.
- No Fixing: We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Give encouragement and ask questions, but try not to solve or fix one another.
- No Rescuing: When people are sharing something deeply personal, please resist the tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or their situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause people to stop sharing.
- Be Curious: By asking the next question, we communicate genuine interest. We keep the conversation moving forward while building relationships and intimacy.
- Be Self-Aware: Be mindful of how you are personally affecting the small group environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. Be sensitive about the amount of time you share, whether too much (dominating) or not enough (hiding).
- Use "I" Statements: It is very easy to talk about other people's issues, but, for our purposes, we want to put ourselves on the table. Use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "people", "you", "us", "we", etc.
- Resolve Conflict Biblically: As a group we commit to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, it's an opportunity for growth. We are all being transformed to be more like Jesus. Conflict and change are a part of that journey. (Matthew 18)
- Manage Technology: Let's respect one another by silencing alerts on our devices.

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