

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Hebrews: "Greater"

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1-2a NIV

Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: God is pleased and gives His life and endurance to those who have faith in Him.

Read Hebrews 11

1. What does it mean to live by faith? How has your faith made a difference in your life? Share a time you made a decision based on faith. How big of an influence is faith in your thoughts, words and actions?
2. What does it mean to have "assurance of things hoped for?" How does this differ from wishful thinking? How do you personally experience "conviction of things not seen?" What role does faith play in your understanding of the unseen? What visible things tend to compete with Christ as a source of confidence and trust?
3. Consider the phrase "By faith, [name]..." used throughout the chapter. Think about what actions or decisions in your life demonstrate your faith in God. If someone were to write about your life, what would they say about your faith?



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4. Of the many examples of faith given in this passage, which one is most meaningful to you and your current life situation? Why?

Which person mentioned in Hebrews 11 resonates most with you, and why? Reflect on their story and discuss how you see aspects of your own faith journey in their example.

5. Hebrews 11 mentions several individuals who acted on their faith despite not knowing what would result (e.g. Abraham preparing to sacrifice Isaac). Reflect on a time when you stepped out in faith without knowing the outcome. What did you learn about God and yourself through that experience?
6. How did Moses' actions demonstrate the exceeding worth of God compared to the things of this world? What are some "fleeting pleasures of sin" that you might be tempted to pursue? How can you resist these temptations through faith? In your life, how can you demonstrate the worth of God over what the world offers?
7. Gideon, Samson, and David were strong men of God who had times of weakness. Where are you weak right now? What are you struggling with? What does it teach us about God and the gospel that people who have weaknesses are still used mightily by God?
8. Persecution and hardship are part of living a life of faith. Sometimes God miraculously intervenes, and other times He does not. Do you find that your faith is strengthened or weakened by persecution? When looking through a spiritual lens, how do you view times of difficulty in your life?



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