



HEBREWS CHAPTER 11 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

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- Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Hebrews 10:1-40)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Hebrews 11:1-12

- What do you think the differences are between having faith in God versus merely hoping that something is going to happen?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

- What is something about God that you struggle to have faith in and believe?
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- How do we know by what is said about Abraham and Sarah in Hebrews 11 that having faith in God is both messy and imperfect? See Genesis 12:10-20 and Genesis 18:10-15.

- After God made incredible promises to Abraham in Genesis chapter 12, Abraham lied about Sarah being his wife. In Genesis 18, Sarah didn't believe that she would have a son because of her old age and literally laughed. Despite these things, we find both Abraham and Sarah being held up as examples of faith. Having faith in God does not mean that someone has it all together or that they never doubt. However, the individual that does have faith in God continues to trust God in the midst of any and all circumstances seeking to follow what He says and where He leads.

- How does faith call us to look forward rather than just looking at the past or the present?

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Hebrews 11:13-31

- How does one with faith in God actively, passionately, and intentionally engage life on earth while at the same time focusing on what is to come? Would you say that you're currently doing a good job at doing both? Why or why not?

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- Notice in Hebrews 11:24 that in the story of Moses, Moses had to reject the "identity" that others tried to give him in order to accept the identity that God had given him and that as a result, he encountered extremely difficult hardships and obstacles.

- What "identities" are you having to wrestle with and reject that are outside of the identity God has given you? What hardships and/or obstacles have you encountered, or might you have to encounter because you are more fully living into the identity that God has given you?

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Hebrews 11:32-40

- While all of the names present in verse 32 and really the entire chapter of Hebrews should teach us many things about faith, here are a few to consider...

- Every single person's life has value and significance regardless of who that person is. The question is what we choose to do with the lives that God has given us.
 - Every single person has a story that God can use for His glory.
 - Every single person has a testimony that God has given them to use for the sake of His kingdom.
 - All individuals in Hebrews chapter 11 were human beings so we are no greater than them and we are no less than them, thus making us without any excuses for why we cannot choose to live incredibly faithful lives like they did.
 - Of these four statements, which one do you have the most difficulty believing about yourself and why?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Focus on the first part of verse 38 that says, "the world was not worthy of them," or "the world did not deserve them," depending on the translation. What does this mean and how do we live lives as disciples of Jesus in the same way?
- The world was not worthy of them means that these individuals sought to live for God by more fully leaning into the identity that God had provided them rather than any identity that the world spoke over and into them. It wasn't that these individuals were not actively engaged in the world around them. In fact, it was quite the opposite. These individuals actively engaged the world around them for the sake of the kingdom of God because they knew who they were in God.
 - The second part of the question is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?

- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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