

# GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Get Into The Word*



Week of Sunday August 9, 2025

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**Living out our God-given calling as  
we follow Jesus and make  
disciples every day.**

### **Introduction**

Hebrews 11 is a passage that showcases the transformative power of living by faith. Reflect on how faith is more than belief—it demands action and shapes the way we hear God's voice. Consider how the faithful, like Abraham and Moses, saw the unseen through their unwavering trust in God. As you discuss, focus on actively applying this understanding of faith in your everyday life, seeking God's guidance, and listening for His voice in your personal journey.

### **Disciple Measure**

**Spirit-Led Follower:** When was the last time you heard from God? What was that like?

# Discussion Questions

## How to Hear from God

### HIGHLIGHT

*Have someone read aloud...*

Hebrews 11:1-6

### EXPLAIN

*Discuss the following questions...*

**Opening Question:** Share a time when your understanding of God expanded, leading to greater faith.

1. How would you explain walking by faith to a new Christian?
2. How does knowing God better increase our faith, and what role does the study of God's Word play in this?
3. Why is faith necessary to please God?
4. How do "logos" (the Word of God read and preached) and "rhema" (the Word applied by the Holy Spirit in my life) affect our faith and how we hear from God?

*Have someone read aloud Hebrew 11:13-17.*

5. What act of faith in Hebrews 11 stands out to you the most and why?
6. What is the link between our actions and our faith?

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*Discuss the following questions...*

1. What habits can you develop to better position yourself to hear God's voice?
2. What strategies can you adopt for more effective Bible study to hear from God, and how can you help someone else develop a deeper understanding of Scripture?
3. Are there voices in your life competing with the voice of God? How can we prevent listening to other voices over the voice of God?
4. How does obedience to the voice of God impact how we hear from God? Share a time when your obedience to something God was telling you impacted the voice of God in your life and your faith.

Force for Good: What is one step you can take this week to increase your faith and the faith of someone around you?

*(Consider these ideas: sharing your testimony, praying over someone going through something, or sharing Scripture that has impacted you.)*

Pray for increased faith and discernment to hear God's voice. Ask God to reveal areas where He wants you to take action in faith. Pray for courage to obey when God speaks.

# Questions for Families

*Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.*

## **Hebrews 11**

### **What does the story of the people in Hebrews 11 tell us about God?**

*For younger children, focus on how God is powerful and always keeps His promises. For older children, discuss how God is faithful and guides those who trust Him. Encourage them to think about how God supported people like Abraham and Moses in their journeys.*

### **What do the stories in Hebrews 11 show us about how we can be?**

*Younger kids might relate to being brave and trusting like the heroes in the stories. With older kids, delve into how these stories show us we can have faith and make tough choices, relying on God like the people in the Bible did, even when things were difficult.*

### **What can we do this week to show our faith like the people in Hebrews 11?**

*Encourage younger children to think of simple actions, such as trusting God in their daily activities or saying a prayer. For older children, discuss how they might step out in faith in school or friendships, being honest, kind, or standing up for what's right, inspired by the faithful actions in Hebrews 11.*

# NT 260

## **WEEK: 33**

- 1 Timothy 1
- 1 Timothy 2
- 1 Timothy 3
- 1 Timothy 4
- 1 Timothy 5

**MEMORY VERSE:** Matthew 6:22-24

# Resources

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## Resources to Listen to

### The Bible Project Podcast- Hebrews - What is Faith



The Bible Project Podcast dive into the question “[what is faith](#)” and Hebrews 11.  
(52 min)

### BEMA Discipleship Podcast - Hebrews - Running A Better Race



Marty Solomon takes a deeper dive into the running the race and the book of [Hebrews](#).  
(34 min)

## Resources to Watch

### Bible Project Guide - The Book of Hebrews



See a collection of videos and articles to guide you through the book of [Hebrews](#).  
(20 min)

## Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at [groups@longhollow.com](mailto:groups@longhollow.com).

## D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



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# Commentary

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## What’s Going On?

Hebrews 11 is often called the "Faith Chapter" because it lists many people from the Bible who showed great faith in God. It's like a hall of fame for those who trusted God even when things were tough. The chapter starts by defining faith as believing in what we hope for and being sure of things we cannot see. This means having faith is about trusting in God's promises, even if we don't fully understand or see them realized right away. The chapter acts like a big encouragement for us today.

The writer of Hebrews is trying to show how faith has always been central to following God. Each example in the chapter—like Abraham leaving his home without knowing where he was going, or Moses choosing to help his people instead of living in luxury—illustrates a different way of acting on faith. The original audience of this text was likely a group of Jewish Christians who were feeling uncertain and pressured in their time, so these stories would have been hugely inspiring to them. The lesson is that faith requires action. It’s not just about believing with your heart—it’s also about taking steps in your life based on that belief.

Biblical Timeline



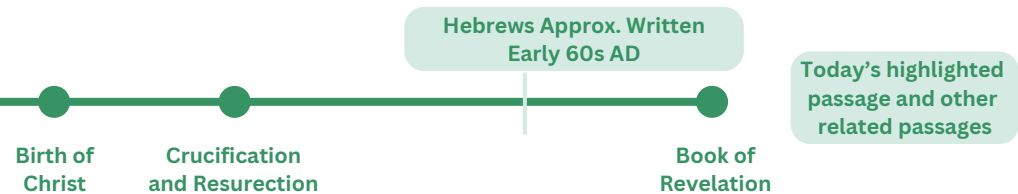


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## A Bit of Background

The book of Hebrews was written around 60-70 AD, a time when the early Christians faced a lot of challenges. There isn't a clear consensus on who wrote Hebrews, but it was definitely someone deeply familiar with Jewish traditions and the Old Testament. The audience was primarily Jewish Christians who were going through tough times—they were under pressure, possibly facing persecution, and some were tempted to turn back to Judaism, which was more familiar and socially accepted. Hebrews addresses these worries by explaining how Jesus fulfills what the Old Testament promised and why faith in Him is worth holding on to.

Hebrews 11 draws on the rich history of Jewish faith, bringing up big names like Noah, Abraham, Moses, and even some lesser-known figures. The author uses their stories to remind these early Christians that trusting God has always been key to receiving His promises. Just as those in the past had to wait and trust, so do the readers of Hebrews. This chapter encourages them to hang in there and keep faith alive, despite the surrounding difficulties. For us today, it teaches that faith is trusting that God has a good plan for us, even when the future seems uncertain.



# Sermon Notes

**Hebrews 11:1-6 CSB**

Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. For by this our ancestors were approved. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith. By faith Enoch was taken away, and so he did not experience death. He was not to be found because God took him away. For before he was taken away, he was approved as one who pleased God. Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

# Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

## *Spirit-Led Follower*

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

## *Intentional Friend*

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

## *Humble Guide*

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

## *Force For Good*

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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