



*Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.*

## **Living by Faith (Hebrews 11:1-3)**

**March 15, 2026**

**Read Hebrews 11:1-3 and discuss these questions.**

1. When you hear the word “faith,” what comes to mind first?
2. In your own words, how would you explain the two phrases “the assurance/reality of things hoped for” and “the conviction/proof of things not seen”? How does v. 1 challenge the idea that faith is just a matter of thinking or feeling?
3. James 2:19 says even demons believe true things about God. Looking at v. 1, where do you sense that your faith has been more “agreement with facts” than “practical trust that shapes your choices?” What might a next step of acting on God’s promises look like this week?
4. Verse 2 says, “The people of old received their commendation” (God's approval) by faith, and Romans 4:1-12 says Abraham was counted righteous by believing God. Explain how people in the Old Testament and New Testament are saved by grace through faith in Christ? How does this truth confront the tendency to try to earn God’s approval by our performance?
5. Where do you most feel the pull to live for the approval of people (friends, family, co-workers, social media, and even your own standards)? How might believing you are already approved in Christ by faith free you to live differently in that area?
6. Verse 3 says that “by faith we understand the universe was created by the word of God.” If God’s Word is powerful enough to speak the universe into existence, what difference should that make when we face chaos, suffering, or uncertainty in life? Can you name one situation where you need to consciously remember, “God’s Word holds this together?”

**Pray for one another according to this passage:**

- How would you like us to pray for you in light of this conversation?
- Ask God to deepen our trust in His unseen promises.
- Pray for strength to live today shaped by eternity’s reality.
- Thank God for approving us in Christ through faith.