

Living by Faith

Hebrews 11:1-3

Future and Invisible

(Heb 11:1)

- Faith gives future promises a present reality
- Faith gives us eyes to see invisible things

Commended

(Heb 11:2)

- Displaying the faith that gains God's approval
- Knowing God as God, trusting His Divine character

Between Promise and Possession

(Heb 11:3)

- We have always been a waiting people
- With an abiding trust affecting all of life

Application

- Take God at His word and live accordingly
- Our decisions reveal our underlying narrative
- Let's join God on His great adventure

For Life Group Discussion

Hebrews 11:1-3

1. What "story" were you told as a child? What values, goals, and ideas were you taught to make life meaningful? What aspects of that narrative do you still hold to today?

2. Read Heb 11:1. Which promises of God for the future affect your life today? How? What do you see now, with eyes of faith, that you couldn't see before you became a Christian?

3. Read Heb 11:2, 6, and 11. What does it mean to "know God as God," trusting in His Divine character? What role does this accurate knowledge have in producing a faith that is pleasing to Him?

4. Read Heb 11:3 and consider...

- How do you handle the gap between promise and possession? Is it hard for you to wait? Why or why not? (Read Heb 11:39-40 for additional insights)
- Also read Gen 1:3, Ps 33:6-9, and 1 Cor 6:18-20. What difference should it make that God is the creator-owner of everything? How is that affected by our understanding of the character of God (see q. 3 above)?

6. Regarding our three points of application:

- Would anything change if you decided to take God at His word and live accordingly? Be specific
- What do your decisions reveal about your true beliefs?
- How can you join God, right now, on His great adventure? What changes are you prepared to make?