

Faith before the Flood

Hebrews 11:4-7

Faith gives future promises a present reality and gives us eyes to see invisible things. Faith takes God at His word and lives accordingly
(from the prologue, Hebrews 11:1-3)

Abel Worshipped

- Our posture in worship is more important than the activity itself
- We approach God on His terms, not ours

Enoch Walked

- Believing God exists and waiting with confidence for the rewards He has promised

Noah Witnessed

- Reverent fear is what trust looks like when warned of judgment
- Faith moves us to obedient action
- Serving as a witness in both demonstration and proclamation
- Genuine faith expresses itself in genuine perseverance

For Life Group Discussion

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1. We have popular sayings in our culture related to the power of practical examples, like “actions speak louder than words.” How can we apply that as Christians, while still maintaining the importance of words?

2. Read Heb 11:1-3, and the summary at the top of the note sheet (see reverse). What promises and/or invisible things are you believing by faith? What questions do you have about how Biblical faith “works”?

3. Read Gen 4:1-8; Pro 21:27; Heb 11:4; and 1 Jn 3:11-12. What do you learn about the proper and improper way to approach God in worship? How can Abel’s example inform our own approach to Sunday mornings?

4. Read Gen 5:18-24 and Heb 11:5-6. Why would God pick such an obscure character to illustrate the truths of Heb 5:6? What does that verse teach us about God-pleasing faith?

5. Read Gen 6:5, 11-17, 22, 7:5; Mat 24:37-39; and Heb 11:7

- Should we live with the same “reverent fear” as Noah? If so, what does that look like? If not, why not?
- Given the promises and warnings in passages like Mat 24, what obedient actions should follow for the New Covenant believer? Be specific

6. Read 2 Pet 3:1-13. How does this passage relate our situation with the days of Noah? How does it challenge us to be faithful in demonstration and proclamation?