



SUNDAY+

ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

Hebrews 11:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in leading/facilitating/hosting a small group?

Let us know! We're currently forming Winter Groups!

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

- If your life had a "highlight reel" *and* a "bloopers reel," which one would be longer? Why?
- What's the hardest thing to have faith in right now in your life?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Hebrews 11:1-6 as a group. Share anything that immediately resonates w/ you.

1. Sometimes it's easier to perform for God in an effort to earn His approval rather than simply trusting His promises. How can you tell the difference...in real life...between obedience flowing from trust and obedience driven by fear?

(Leader: Ask for examples from work, parenting, giving, or church involvement—not abstract theology.)

2. Genesis shows shame as the first human response to sin. When you fail or fall short spiritually, do you tend to hide, fix yourself, or run toward God? What does "covering yourself with fig leaves" look like in modern life? (Leader: Normalize the struggle...this is about patterns, not confession pressure.)

3. Abel trusted God with not just salvation, but with meeting his earthly needs. What part of your life or future seems hardest to trust God with right now? What "what-ifs" keep you from fully relying on Him?

4. Abel trusted God enough to bring Him his first and his best. Cain held his offering back until he knew he had the means to give. What would "first and best" actually look like in your life right now...not theoretically, but practically? What do you fear might happen if you truly trusted God in that area? (Leader: Avoid letting this turn into just a giving conversation...keep it broader.)

5. Performance-based faith eventually burns people out. Have you ever experienced spiritual exhaustion or burnout? What contributed to it? Looking back, how much of that exhaustion came from trying to earn what God had already given?

6. Enoch's entire life is summarized as "he walked with God." If someone described your faith right now, what words would they probably use? What do you want those words to be...and what might need to change for that to happen?

(Leader: Big moment right here...leave room for silence...don't rescue!)

7. SPOILER ALERT: Some of the people in Hebrews 11 never got to see the fruit or outcome of their faith while living on the earth. How do you tend to respond when your obedience to God doesn't produce visible, tangible results. What might help you stay faithful when God seems silent or slow to respond? Be honest...

ACTION STEP

This week, choose one area of your life—finances, time, obedience, or trust—and intentionally offer it to God as a **response of faith**. Take note of any changes you experience anywhere in your life as you respond to God like that!

Lastly: How can we pray as a group for you as a group? Be honest...