

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

In Hebrews 11:1-3, we are taught 3 facts about faith.

- I. Faith is . . .
  - A. Assurance of future hope (v. 1a).
  - B. Conviction of things unseen (v. 1b).
- II. Faith produces a life God commends (v. 2).
- III. Faith provides understanding that God spoke the universe into existence (v. 3).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 17, 2021

Passage: Hebrews 11:1-3

Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:1-3

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:1-3.** How does the word “Now” (11:1) function in our passage?
- (b) What did you learn about “faith” in 10:37-39?
- (c) How does 11:1-3 serve as an introduction, or prelude, to 11:1-40?
- (d) Does 11:1 tell us everything about “faith” that we can know from Scripture? Explain.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:1-3.** Explain the phrase, “faith is the assurance of things hoped for.”
- (b) Explain the phrase “faith is . . . the conviction of things unseen.”
- (c) Are these phrases saying different things about faith, or are they different ways of saying the same thing about faith?
- (d) What have you already learned about “hope” from our author in Hebrews (cf. 3:6; 6:11, 18, 19; 7:19; 10:23)?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:1-3.** To what does “it” refer in v. 2, and how does the word “For” connect vs. 1 & 2?
- (b) Who are “the people of old” (don’t answer without considering our context!)?
- (c) What “commendation” did they receive, and how did “it” play a role (“for by it . . .”)?
- (d) How many times do you see the phrase “by faith” in Hebrews 11, and what does this tell you about its primary message?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:1-3.** What do “we understand” according to 11:3a, and how do we understand it?
- (b) What is the purpose of this understanding (“so that” in v. 3b)?
- (c) What does v. 3 tell us about creation?
- (d) Summarize the main ideas of 11:1-3.

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:1-3.** In what ways does this description of faith encourage you as you walk among uncertain times?
- (b) What does this kind of faith accomplish in the life of a believer (remember 10:39!)?
- (c) In what ways does 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 help you further apply this concept of faith?
- (d) Using what you have learned this week, answer the following objection: “Christianity requires blind faith, something I’m not willing to do!”

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*By Faith*