

Read Hebrews 11:1-19 and answer the following questions:

1. What definition does the writer give for faith in verse 1? What do you think this means?
2. What connection does the writer make between faith and creation? Why do you think he starts here?
3. How did Abel and Enoch demonstrate faith?
4. Read Genesis 5:21-24. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews says that Enoch "pleased God"? Why do you think faith is necessary in order to please God (v.6)?
5. What are rewards? Why do you think they are mentioned here? What is their connection to faith?

Read Hebrews 11:1-19 and answer the following questions:

1. In what ways did Noah demonstrate faith in God? What did he inherit as a result?
2. What did Abraham do to demonstrate his faith? How do you think he felt about what God asked him to do?
3. Verse 10 says Abraham was “looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.” What city do you think this is referring to? How did Abraham’s view of this future city impact his decision to obey God?
4. Sarah is the one of the few females mentioned in Heb. 11. Why do you think God includes her? What did she do that demonstrated her faith?
5. How has Hebrews 11 impacted your view of faith? In what ways do you believe God might be calling you to demonstrate your faith in him?

Read Hebrews 11:1-19 and answer the following questions:

1. Verse 12 begins with the word “therefore”. What do you think this points back to?
2. Verse 13 says that these people died before they received the things they had been promised. Do you think they felt like they had been deceived or like it wasn't worth it? Why or why not?
3. Why does it say that they were “strangers and exiles” on the earth? In what way does this apply to us?
4. The writer says they were looking for a “homeland”, or a “better country”. What does this mean?
5. What additional act of faith did Abraham follow through with in verse 17? What made this act so significant?

Read Hebrews 11:1-19 and answer the following questions:

1. What did Isaac represent to Abraham? What made him so valuable?
2. What did Abraham believe about God that helped him have the confidence to sacrifice Isaac on the alter (v.19)?
3. Why do you think God tested Abraham in this way (by asking him to sacrifice his only son)?
4. What things are most valuable or important to you? How do you think you would feel if God asked you to give up these things?
5. In what ways does SMI challenge you to give up things that are important to you for the sake of gaining something greater? Do you think it's worth it?

Read Hebrews 11 (the whole chapter) and answer the following questions:

1. What characteristics do you notice about each of the people listed in this chapter? What do they have in common? What differences do you see?
2. What do you think was most important in their lives? In what ways did they demonstrate this? How did they view earthly or material possessions?
3. What hope did these people have that drove them to passionately demonstrate their faith in radical ways? What hope do we have that would encourage us to do the same?
4. Read verses 35-38. What sacrifices did God call these people to make? Do these verses concern you? Explain.
5. What has this chapter taught you about faith? About what motivates people to demonstrate their faith?
6. What step of faith do you believe God is calling you to take? What do you need to do to trust him?