

Hebrews (April 11, 2021)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Hebrews 11:1-10, 13-16

1. Write Hebrews 11:1 in your own words? Then explain what faith is and what faith is not.

2. Clarify the difference between believing in God and believing God (John 6:29; James 2:17, 19-22).

3. How is one's understanding of the creation of the universe fundamental to the issue of trusting God and one's behavior (Hebrews 11:3)?

NOTE: Hebrews 11 is often called the "Hall of Faith." It is a chapter listing the testimonies of those who by faith were faithful to God. The author exhorts believers to live a life of faith following the patterns of these individuals. Questions 4-7 will focus on Able, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham.

4. **Able:** (Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:3-5)
How did he express his faith?

What did his sacrifice foreshadow?

What was the outcome of his faith?

What principle(s) do you find from Able's example?

5. **Enoch:** (Hebrews 11:5-6; Genesis 5:21-24)

How did he express his faith?

What was the outcome of his faith?

What principle(s) are revealed about a person's relationship with God?

6. **Noah:** (Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:5-22)

How did he express his faith?

What would have been the pressures Noah faced as he obeyed God's instructions?

What was the outcome of his faith?

What principle(s) do you find from Noah's example?

7. **Abraham:** (Hebrews 11:8-10; Genesis 12:1-4, 15:5-6, 18)

How did he express his faith?

What would you have found especially challenging if you were in his shoes?

What was the outcome of his faith?

What principle(s) do you find from Abraham's example?

8. Describe some of the details concerning the faith of Able, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham that are revealed in Hebrews 11:13-16. In what ways do these details impact your perspective at this particular time and place in history that you find yourself?