

Bible chat 7 8 22

1. Before the session: Read through Hebrews chapter 11. Pick a character mentioned in this chapter and find something out about them. You could use Bible gateway to find out where else they appear in scripture, or look them up in a Bible dictionary.
2. Begin the session with a rollicking group read-through of Hebrews 11.
3. Share about the character you have considered beforehand. Can you understand why the writer of Hebrews regards them as an example of faith?
4. Faith is described generally a couple of times in the chapter. Look at the definition in verse 1. To what extent does it describe your own faith right now? How can we be sure of what we do not see? What (or who) gives us that assurance and confidence?
5. Why does faith please God (verses 2, 3 & 6)?
6. Consider verses 13 - 16 and verses 39 - 40. What do these verses suggest about the time gap between having faith, and receiving what we trust God will bring about?
7. What are you trusting God to bring about? (Are you believing him for improvements in your own life soon, or for long-term blessings, or for life after death? Are you trusting his kingdom continues to come, and will carry on growing on earth even after your death?)
8. So much of our reflection today seem to be about the future, but we can only actually live in the present, which is a continual gift from God. How can our faith in God's promises for the future change the way that we live in the present? How can we encourage each other to live God's dream now?