

Hebrews *Moving Forwards*

6. What Does Faith Look Like?

Hebrews 11.1-12.2

Aim of the study: To recognise that faith needs to be put into action and that those actions look different for different people - they just all have one thing in common - obedience to God.

Studying the text:

WHAT IS FAITH?

1. a. Other than God, who or what would you say you have faith in and why?
- b. In the light of that how would you define what 'faith' is?
2. *Read Hebrews 11.1-3.*

What conclusions can we draw from these verses about faith to add to our definitions?

WHAT DOES FAITH LOOK LIKE?

Sometimes we see faith as purely a cerebral or intangible force that we either have - or we don't. The writer to the Hebrews spells out, in a very practical way, what faith looks like.

3. Take a section of the chapter each (or in 2's/3's) and fill in the chart provided, then share your findings with the group.
4. What would you say are the consequences (short and long term) of individuals who act on their faith? (What is the point the writer is trying to make by listing them all?)

GROWING FAITH

5. a. What do verses 13-16 suggest enabled these people and others to have such courage and act on their faith as they did?
- b. Why do you think this perspective has the effect it does?
- c. What do verses 39-40 tell us about how their faith sees fulfilment? What are the implications for us?
6. When have you sensed God asking you to take a step of faith? What did you do - and what was the outcome?
7. If someone asked you how they might increase their faith - what advice would you give them? (What would you say has increased your faith and why do you think that is the case?)
8. In what way do you think God is challenging you to stretch your faith at the moment? What do you intend to do about that?

Reflect and pray:

Spend some time praying for each other about your faith growth and what is helping or hindering it.

