

Community Group Questions

Hebrews 11:1-6

Head

- Read Hebrews 11:1-6
- What stands out to you from this passage? Why does this stand out to you?
- What is faith? (See verse 1)
- Why is it impossible to please God without faith?

Heart

- How have you tried to please God without faith? Or put another way, what are some ways in which you've sought to please God *in order to be* accepted by Him rather than seeking to please God *from a position of acceptance*?

Frustrated or depressed—because we can never be good enough
Prideful—because we think we are good enough and thus better than others
- What can happen to us when we try to perform *in order to be* accepted by God?

Fruitful—we actually do more for God and we do it willingly and not begrudgingly.
Increased Joy, peace, humility, etc...
- What can happen to us when we believe that we're accepted by faith *before* we do anything?

The author highlights two things that one must believe if they would draw near to God. I think it's safe to assume that he highlights these two things bc we all can (and do) struggle here. We might assume that these two things are easy to believe, but deep down inside we're actually struggling to believe them; or at least struggling to functionally believe them.
- Which of these realities are you living in today? Why?
- Read verse 6.

[Possible: Eyewitness testimony in the Scriptures; Jesus' resurrection; creation; our own experience of God; the witness of saints who have gone before us or who are living before us now; fulfilled prophecy; the Gospel; etc.]
- How does this encourage you to continue to live a life of faith in Jesus Christ?

Hands

- How is God asking you to respond today? (Is there a promise to believe; a sin to be confessed; a command to be obeyed?)
- Pray