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The Value of Faith: Lessons from Moses

Discussion Guide | June 23, 2019

Hebrews 11:23-29

Questions for Study and Discussion

**Before you begin, please read Hebrews 11:23-29 as a group.

1. Share an experience where you were looking to something to provide you satisfaction or fulfillment (e.g. maybe a gift, or a relationship) that either disappointed you or proved to be only temporarily satisfying.
2. What can happen when we look to the wrong people (or things) for ultimate fulfillment and satisfaction?
3. Briefly review what you know about the life of Moses from the Old Testament. (This may mean working as a group to recall stories from his life, or scanning sections of Scripture [if you're looking for a place to start, check out Exodus chapters 1-14] and identifying some big take-aways.) What stands out to you about Moses?
4. Look closely at Hebrews 11:24-27, then answer the following questions.
 - Imagine what it would have been like for Moses to grow up in Pharaoh's court. How does that make his "refusal to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter" all the more remarkable?
 - As a group, work to identify at least 2-3 reasons this passage gives for Moses' decision to leave Pharaoh's household and Egypt.
 - Moses left Egypt for "a better treasure." How are God's promises and presence a greater value than anything the "fleeting pleasures of sin" (v. 25) can offer?
 - Read Philippians 3:7-9. In your own words, explain how the Apostle Paul is reinforcing what we've learned from Moses' life - that knowing Christ is "a better treasure" than anything else.
 - In your own life, have you experienced knowing Jesus as a "better treasure" than anything else? Explain. How does having Jesus as the greatest treasure put other good gifts and relationships in perspective?
5. Read Hebrews 11:29 and Exodus 14:10-22. By whose faith did the people pass through the Red Sea?
6. What does this teach about the difference that an individual's faith can make in a family, friendship group, or larger community?
7. How can faith in God's Person and promises help you make a difference - not just in your own life, but in the lives of others as well? How can you verbalize and model this faith in your situation?
8. Are there specific ways you sense God wants you to change personally, in line with what you've learned from Moses' faith? What steps can you take this week to apply what you've learned?
9. **Challenge: Memorize Hebrews 11:1-2:** 1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.