



EVERYDAY

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Fuel for Faith: Lessons from Abraham

Discussion Guide | June 2, 2019

Hebrews 11:8-16 and Genesis 12:1-4

Questions for Study and Discussion

**Before you begin, please read Hebrews 11:8-16 as a group.

1. How has your understanding of the word "faith" changed over time?
2. Read Hebrews 11:8 and Genesis 12:1, what do we learn about Abraham's faith in these verses?
3. Would you describe yourself as risk-averse or as a risk taker? How is risk (at some level) a necessary component of faith in God?
4. Reflecting on Hebrews 11:9-10, how does Abraham demonstrate patience and perseverance? What do we see as his core motivation?
5. We live in an increasingly impatient culture. How does the perseverance component of faith resonate with or challenge you?
6. Review Hebrews 11:13-16 as a group (these verses are referring to everyone mentioned in Hebrews 11 up to this point, including Abraham). What qualities and actions do you notice in these verses that describe people of faith?
7. Share about a moment or a season in your life when you struggled to have faith? What helped you through? How did you continue in or return to faith?
8. In what ways can focusing on the short-term and our immediate circumstances increase our doubt? In what ways can focusing on the big picture of eternity and WHO we can be anchored to increase our faith?
9. How does the Gospel empower us to have ongoing faith? What are the outcomes of salvation through Jesus, and how does that equip us for acting in faith moving forward?
10. In what areas of your life do you need to act in faith by taking a risk, persevering, and renewing your focus on who God is?
11. How can you continue to cultivate faith in your daily life, even when it's hard or inconvenient?
12. **Challenge: Memorize Luke 9:23-24:** 23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.