



Hebrews 11.1

Sermon Notes

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Main Idea: People of faith win God's approval because they walk in obedience and keep their eyes on him.

I) A People of Faith Are Obedient

II) A People of Faith Work

III) A People of Faith are Focused

IV) A People of Faith Reign

Small Group Discussion Guide

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Open It

- 1) Share with your group a time in your life when you had to exercise faith (i.e. faith in a rope, faith in a friend, etc)
- 2) Share with your group a time when you had to exercise your faith by getting your feet wet and 'stepping out of the boat' for God? What was that time like and how did you grow?

Think It

- 1) When you think of great men or women of faith who comes to your mind? (think outside the Bible) Why?
- 2) Of the people mentioned in Hebrews 11 who sticks out to you the most? Why?

Read Hebrews 11.1-40

- 1) If the above passage had to be summarized in one sentence what would you say?
- 2) What do you think of the statement below as a summary of Hebrews 11.1-40? How would you summarize it differently?

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Dig It

- 1) Read Genesis 4.1-5 and Deuteronomy 26.1-11
 - Why do you think Cain's offering was refused?
 - After discussing read Hebrews 11.4
 - What does this passage tell us about the importance of our heart attitude when we come to worship?

A People of Faith are Focused

- 1) Read Hebrews 11.10, 13-16
 - What is the common thread throughout these verses?
 - How does this speak to you today?
- 2) Read Hebrews 11.8-16, I Peter 1.1, 2.11, Phil.3.20
 - What do these verses say about men and women of faith?
 - How do these verses and the testimony of these people speak to us today?

A People of Faith Reign

- 1) Read Mark 1.15
 - When you think of the 'kingdom of God' what comes to mind?
 - What do you think when you read that the kingdom of God is here?

The paradox of the kingdom of God is that is both here and now and not yet and coming.

- 2) What does it mean to you when you hear that we were made to rule?
- 3) What does this 'ruling' or 'reigning' look like?
 - Read Mark 8.34-35, 9.35, 10.42-45
 - Read Matthew 5.3-10
 - Skim through Matthew 5-7 and discuss what 'reigning' in the Kingdom looks like

Apply It

When Jesus asked Peter to step over the side gunnels of the boat and onto the water he was asking him to take a big step of faith – He was asking him to do something that could only be done if God took over.

- 1) Is there anything that you are doing in your life right now that you could not do if God were not a part of it?
 - If the answer is 'no' you might want to think about your life and whether you are being under challenged.
- 2) What is a step of faith that you could take today that would stretch your 'spiritual comfort zone'?