

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-22

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The Patriarchs demonstrated their faith by believing God's promises, obeying his commands, and trusted that God would fulfill his promises even when their faith was tested.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- How does the author of Hebrews define faith (verses 1, 6)?
- What was God's initial call to Abraham (Genesis 12)? What promises did he make to Abraham?
- How did Abraham demonstrate his faith? Explain how faith and obedience are related.
- What is the "better city" and "better country" that Abraham saw afar off whose "designer and builder is God" (Revelation 21:3)? Are you fixing your gaze on the reality of future glory?
- Can you relate to Sarah's doubts (Genesis 18:12)? How was her faith in God's promises renewed?
- Do you recognize yourself as a stranger and sojourner like Abraham? How does it influence how you live presently?
- How and why did God test Abraham's faith? In what big and small ways is God testing your faith? Do you believe God is ultimately working all things for your good and his glory?
- How can we, like the Patriarchs, remain devoted to Christ amidst difficult circumstances and trust him with the outcome.