



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGE PARK**

discussion guide

September 24, 2023

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Hebrews 11:1-6

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.¹

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. Here are a few good books on Hebrews and Leviticus.

Hughes, R. Kent. *Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul. Preaching the Word Commentary*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

Mathews, Kenneth A. *Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People. Preaching the Word Commentary*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2009.

Moseley, Allan. *Leviticus. Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2015.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Heb 11:1–6). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Mohler, R. Albert, Jr. *Exalting Jesus in Hebrews: Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2017.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Hebrews. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

Wiersbe, Warren. *The Bible Exposition Commentary, New Testament, Volume 2*. Colorado Springs, CO: Victor, 2001.

Review It

How has the word “faith” been used or misused in your experience? How has this been done so within the church?

Why do you believe we have such a challenge with true faith?

What about the Old Testament saints? How did their faith lead them to salvation though they lived years prior to the birth of Christ?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week’s scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week’s scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week’s scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week’s scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week’s sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.