

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

April 28th 2019 sermon:

Jesus is Greater: "Faith to Move Forward"

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) What museums or Halls of Fame have you ever visited?
- 2.) What's your favorite story/hero from the Old Testament?
- 3.) What's a long term goal you're excited about?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1.) How does the end of Hebrews 10 (review it if needed) connect with Hebrews 11? What does perseverance have to do with faith? How does faith motivate our perseverance?

2.) How does Abel still speak, though he is dead (v.4)? After considering the manner of your life right now, what would be said about you in your eulogy? What might you need to change so that your faith continues to speak even after you've passed?

3.) The people referenced in this section are found in Genesis 4 (Abel), Genesis 5 (Enoch), Genesis 6 (Noah), and Genesis 12 (Abraham and Sarah). Take a moment to refresh yourselves on those stories. How does the author of Hebrews again teach us to read the Old Testament and how did the people of the OT look forward to the Messiah and receive salvation from God? (Hint: eyes forward to Jesus and God's grace)

4.) How does certain reality of a future and everlasting kingdom encourage you to press on by faith? What comfort do you find in knowing this world is not our home? How can you, like Abraham, frame your life in a way that anticipates the fact that God will be faithful to his future promises?

Application: (5-10 minutes)

1) Knowing these saints of old moved forward in their faith, how does that encourage you to move forward in your faith? What's your next step of faith? How has God been working on you lately? Are you longing for a past homeland?

2) How does this perspective change you tomorrow? How does this move you forward in sharing your faith with the people around you? How does having a vision for tomorrow help you in your faith today?