

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

May 5, 2019 sermon:

Hebrews: Jesus is Greater "Accessible faith"

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) Do you have (or have you ever had) a favorite fictional "superhero"? If so, which one and why were they your favorite? If not...why do you hate heroes? ☺
- 2.) Sometimes when we talk about faith, especially about the faith of certain people in the Bible, it seems like something we will never be able to attain. That we will "never have that kind of faith." What has been your "working definition" of faith and has it helped you navigate the challenges of life or frustrated you?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: "It's not about how much we know, it's about how much we obey."

How do the following Scriptures help you understand that perspective?

Hebrews 5:13-14 John 13:17 John 14:15 Matthew 21:28-32

2. Abraham never got to live in the "Promised Land", neither did Isaac or Jacob or Joseph. Being God's special people in a special land was a huge part of God's promise, but they never experienced it. The point is, our faith isn't necessarily rewarded here on earth. How do these Scriptures help with that?

Jon 16:33 Hebrews 11:39-40 Genesis 4:1-8

3. We need to remember that being right with God...called it "saved" if you want to...has ALWAYS come as a result of faith. (Believing God enough to do what He says!) It is likely that the "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews 11 is to drive that point home...NOT to show us how amazing their faith was. Read and discuss these Scriptures to drive that point home. Galatians 3:6 John 3:16 Galatians 2:16 1 John 2:3-6

Application: (5-10 minutes) Spend some time sharing about where you are facing some challenges (opportunities!) in your life to HEAR and OBEY God. Is there a relationship where forgiveness is needed? Someone you feel God leading you to share faith with? Encourage each other's faith and then pray together.