

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / MAY 19

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read Hebrews 11:1–6 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Faith is the conviction that (1) God is real; (2) He will keep his promises, and (3) Seeking him is worth the effort.”
- “Faith hears the voice from beyond the physical world speaking through the physical world.”
- “Abel’s faith extended beyond just a belief that God would cover his sin debt; he also, unlike Cain, believed God would provide for his future.”
- “Enoch represents a life of faith that is set apart from the world around it, testifies boldly and faithfully to the gospel, and makes walking with God its defining reality.”

### Group Discussion

1. How does Hebrews 11:1–6 define faith, and why is it essential for pleasing God according to verse 6?
2. Consider the story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1–16). In your own words, what made Abel’s offering different from Cain’s, and how does this difference apply to our own approach to God?
3. What does it mean to give an offering “in faith,” and how can we practice this in our lives?
4. According to the sermon, how did Enoch “walk with God”(Genesis 5:21–24)? What can we learn from his example?
5. Which of the three convictions of faith (God is real, he keeps his promises, seeking him is worth it) is hardest for you to trust, and why? What can we do as a group to strengthen one another in these?

### DIG DEEPER

- Read Hebrews in one sitting (takes about 50 minutes). Consider the overall theme of Hebrews, which emphasizes the superiority of Christ and encourages perseverance in faith. How does Hebrews 11:1–6 fit into this broader message? Why do you think the author includes this “Hall of Faith” at this point in the letter, and how does it serve to encourage the original readers and us today?

### PRAYER

- Ask God to strengthen our faith, helping us to believe in his existence, trust in his promises, and seek him wholeheartedly.
- Pray for God’s guidance to walk closely with him daily, setting you apart from the world and boldly testifying to the gospel.