

A Different Drummer

Hebrews 11:4-7

2-8-15

1. Hebrews 11 is a great chapter of the Bible because it doesn't just define faith, it gives us examples of real people who looked at life through the eyes of faith. Who has been an example of faith in your life? How has their faith encouraged or inspired you?
2. Abel is our first example of someone with eyes of faith. He brought a better offering than Cain because he brought God the best of what he had (See Genesis 4:1-8). Cain doesn't have the same faith. He seems to bring the sacrifice because it was the expected thing to do; there was no faith behind it. What are some ways we go thru the motions of Christianity today without faith? How can we practice giving God the best of what *we* have rather than just going through the motions?
3. Enoch is our second example of someone with eyes of faith. Enoch had the faith to walk with God in the midst of an evil and corrupt culture. How does faith transform the way we live (Romans 12:2)? If faith means daily commitment to growing closer to God, what are some practical ways you are growing closer to God each day?
4. Noah is our third example of someone who had eyes of faith (Genesis 6:9-22). Noah was righteous and pleased God. He lived a life of obedience, which became a witness to the world around him. How is your life a witness to those around you for Christ? What type of ridicule do you suppose Noah received as he built the ark? Do you feel as if you could do more or be bolder in your witness for Christ? Has your witness for Christ ever lead anyone to ask about your faith? Explain.
5. Abel, Enoch, and Noah all had faith – but faith in what exactly? (See Hebrews 11:6). Why is it important to have faith in a person instead of just faith in faith? Is believing in God just a “blind leap of faith?” Explain.
6. To see with the eyes of faith Pastor Tom suggested 3 things:
 - 1.) Continue to pray
 - 2.) Walk with God
 - 3.) Witness for God

Pray with your group concerning these 3 areas. Ask God to stir in you a desire to pray. Ask God to teach you and guide you in His truth (Psalm 25:4-5) and pray for opportunities to share God's love with someone this week.