

Sermon Notes

A Faith That Follows
Hebrews 11:1-7

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What is true about biblical faith?

- **Faith gives our hope conviction**
- **Faith can flourish amidst uncertainty**
- **Faith is built upon reason**
- **Faith leads to heart transformation, not merely behavioral modification (Abel)**
- **Faith that follows allows for intimacy with God (Noah)**
- **Central concept: Faith inevitably leads to following**

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

As always feel free to tweak, skip, or add questions to focus on areas you think most relevant to your group.

Who is someone you look up to in the faith? Why?

If someone asked you to define what faith means, what would you say? Do you think about faith any differently after the message?

In what ways does a faith that follows give your hope more conviction? Do you have example of a time this was true for you?

Do you agree that there are dangers when we present faith as certainty? What are some of these dangers?

What are some rational, intellectual reasons you follow Jesus? Has there been a particular topic, book, podcast, discussion you have encountered that has increased your “ramp of reason”.

How can your group better foster an environment that allows for hard questions and doubts to be expressed?

How have you seen obedience to Jesus allow you to experience deeper intimacy with him?

Read Hebrews 11:5 about Enoch. Then, go back to Genesis 5:21-24 about Enoch. What does the author of Hebrews intend for us to learn about faith from his example?

What area of your life might God be calling you to trust him (and therefore follow him) more deeply? How can this group help encourage/challenge you towards that?