

Hebrews 10:32-12:2: “By faith”

Questions for Small Groups

1. It is good to strengthen the insights we’ve gained about Jesus so far. How many themes about Christ’s supremacy can you recall from chaps. 1-9?
2. We get a glimpse into the harassment and persecution these Hebrew Christians were facing. According to the author, what important spiritual practice should they do to strengthen their confidence in Christ (10:32-39)? How often do we do the same?
3. Many regard chap. 11 as the great chapter on faith in the Bible and the opening verses give one of the clearest descriptions of what faith is. Which two essential features of biblical faith are presented here (vv. 1-3)?
4. Verses 13-16 comments on the faith journey of some of the OT heroes mentioned before (vv. 4-11). What is noteworthy about their experience of faith in God’s word?
5. Reflect on our situation here in Canada. Is it becoming easier or harder to follow Christ today? Discuss.
6. What outlook does the author want us to keep in mind when facing harassment or ridicule for following Christ?
7. It may be easy to conclude from chap. 11 that we will always be victorious in this life when we exercise courageous faith. How does the author moderate any false expectations (35b-40)?
8. What is the nature of the “something better” that God promises (v. 40)?
9. We noted the spiritual practice of “remembering” in question 2. What other important spiritual practice does the author offer to help us endure and persevere (12:2)?
10. Where could Jesus be calling you to step out in faith like Abraham who followed God’s call despite “not knowing where he was going (11:8)?” Feel free to share and pray for each other.