

LEARN

What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday? What was most helpful, encouraging or challenging to your walk with Christ?

Read Hebrews 11:1-3. How do the characteristics of faith in verse 1 differ from common perceptions of “faith” as it is talked about today?

“Assurance” is the idea of reality, or a guarantee. How does it encourage you to realize that faith in Jesus is “the real thing” or “a guarantee”, instead of faith being wishful thinking or an uninformed opinion?

Verse 3 starts with “By faith we understand...” Why does it not say “By faith we *believe*...”? Why is it important to remember that faith provides understanding (knowledge), and not only belief in something?

PRACTICE

What is an example from your own life of a “By faith...” statement? Meaning, what is something you have done that clearly showed your faith and hope was in the God of the universe who you cannot see?

How are you practically exercising faith in God in your life right now?

What are the real-life differences of someone who views faith as “positive thinking” and someone who views faith as a rock-solid confidence on God’s truth in the Word?

CHANGE

Is there anything challenging your faith in God right now? What is it? What does God’s Word say about the situation (or fear, sin, etc) that you need to believe?