

Leaders, please consider making mention of 3 particular serving areas recently highlighted in church announcements: set up and tear down, kids ministry small group leaders, and student ministry leaders

Consider reading these main verses from the sermon as a reference for the discussion: Hebrews 11:20, Gen 25:21, 26:24-25, 27:30-33, 28:1-4

LEARN

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

Thinking about Isaac's life as a whole, what do you learn about God's grace and faithfulness in the lives of his people?

(Isaac was largely an inconsistent mess, yet God was gracious and faithful and Isaac demonstrated faith in him as the true God, the God who revealed himself to his father Abraham and always kept his word. God is undeniably patient, gracious, and faithful with all of his people even in all of our weakness and sin)

Read Genesis 26:24-25. What does Isaac's response to God's promise say about Isaac's faith in God? (He worshipped God there, made the land his home, dug a well. He took God at his word)

If someone said, "Isaac doesn't deserve to be in the 'Hall of Faith' of Hebrews 11 based on his life", how would you explain why he is still listed?

(Isaac isn't listed because he qualified by a certain standard other than having true faith in the living God. Weak and inconsistent as he was, it should give us encouragement that God saw fit to include his name)

PRACTICE

Faith doesn't flesh out as perfection. How can you testify to the truth of that statement and what hope should it give you to know this?

Faith surrenders your will to God's will. What is an example of this principle at work in your past? What is an example of this for something you desire for your present or future?

(Try to get solid testimonies of surrendering to the Lord's will, but also press for what desires or goals for the future need to be laid at the Lord's feet as opposed to perhaps working against God)

Faith has present confidence in future unfulfilled promises. What are some yet-to-be-fulfilled promises of God? How do you display confidence in those promises in your life?

CHANGE

Faith doesn't flesh out as perfection, yet we still need to daily pursue growth in Christ-likeness. How have you been growing in Christ-like character lately? In what way do you specifically need to grow in this next season? (Leaders: As answers are shared for needing to grow, press in with "how" questions to encourage specificity and accountability. Write them down together, pray for one another, and follow up soon)