

# FAITH WORTH DYING FOR.

## MEETING AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER – Ask one person to Open the meeting in prayer.
2. DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS – Ask everyone the Development Questions.
3. ATTENDANCE – Take attendance through the SG Attendance System.
4. TODAY'S LESSON – Go over this week's SG lesson.
5. CLOSING PRAYER – Ask for prayer requests and pray.

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## Development Questions

### Question #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?

### Question #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?

### Question #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

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## ***This Week's Passage:***

### **Hebrews II:1-16 (NIV)**

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. **4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.** 5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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## ***This Week's Passage Cont.***

### **Hebrews 11:1-16 (NIV)**

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. 13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country--a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

# Connection Question:

How does Hebrews 11:1–16 challenge your understanding of what it means to live by faith?

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## TRUTH #1:

Faith Trusts in What God Has Said Even When It Cannot Be Seen

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## Discussion Points:

1. Faith is confidence in what we hope for (Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:24–25).
2. Faith believes the unseen realities of God's creative work (Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:6).
3. Abel's faith led to worship that pleased God (Hebrews 11:4; 1 Samuel 15:22).
4. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6).

# Growth Question:

What unseen truths about God do you struggle to trust?

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## TRUTH #2:

Faith Obeys God Even When His Commands Do Not Make Sense

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## Discussion Points:

1. Noah acted on God's warning about unseen things (Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:22).
2. Abraham obeyed without knowing the destination (Hebrews 11:8; Genesis 12:1–4).
3. God's promises sustain obedience (Hebrews 11:10; 2 Corinthians 4:18).

# Growth Question:

What does it mean to live as a "stranger" in this world?

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## TRUTH #3:

Faith Looks Ahead to God's Eternal Promise

## Discussion Points:

1. These heroes lived by faith until death (Hebrews 11:13; Philippians 1:21).
2. They embraced God's promises from afar (Hebrews 11:13; John 8:56).
3. Faith seeks a better, heavenly country (Hebrews 11:16; Colossians 3:1-2).

# Growth Question:

What promises of God do you "welcome from a distance"?

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## GO THEREFORE QUESTION:

What step of faith is God inviting you to take today?

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