

LifeGroup Questions

Based On: Hebrews 11:1-3

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Overview

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (Holman) - Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. Hebrews 11:1 (NASB) - Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. No matter what version of the Bible you choose to use faith is still challenging. It is calling us to believe in something that is beyond ourselves. According to Tyndale Bible Dictionary faith is defined as a belief in that which has no tangible proof.

Can faith and doubt exist together? Throughout the Bible there are numerous examples of doubt. One character in the Bible that will always be known for his doubt is Thomas. He refused to believe in the risen Jesus until he was able to see Him in person. Because of this one incident of doubt he is known as Doubting Thomas. This doesn't make Thomas a bad disciple; it just means he had a moment in which he struggled with his faith. If we are all honest with ourselves we all have times of doubt. Sometimes faith is easy as we look back in our lives and see how God was working. It becomes increasingly more challenging to have faith in God for the present and future. Faith requires a surrendering of your own will and a dependence on God.

Bible Study: Hebrews 11:1-3

1. How do you define faith? Has your definition changed over time? Why or why not?
2. In what area of your life would you like to see your faith strengthen?
3. In what ways does belonging to a LifeGroup help strengthen your faith? What does this say about the importance of Christian community?
4. How does reading the Bible help strengthen your faith?
5. Take a few minutes and discuss the message this week about the canonization of the Bible. Believing in God and the Bible takes faith. Challenge one another in your group to start memorizing the names of the books in order.