

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Forward in Faith (Forward #1)

Week of **February 2, 2020**

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

If you knew you could do anything and not fail, what would you do?

DISCUSSION

1. By personality, do you tend to lean more naturally toward "trusting" or "skeptical"? Give some examples revealing your "type."

Read Hebrews 11:1-7

2. a. How is faith defined in this passage?

b. How do you see this definition in the example of Abel? (For more, see Genesis 4:4)

c. How do you see this definition in the example of Enoch? (For more, see Genesis 5:24)

d. How do you see this definition in the example of Noah? (For more, see Genesis 4:4)



MAKING IT PERSONAL

3. Going back to Question 1, in light of Hebrews 11:1-7:
 - a. If you tend to be more trusting, how might God be working in you to grow in discernment?

b. If skeptical, how might God be working in you to grow in trust?

Reread Hebrews 11:6

4. To be a Jesus-follower means to place your faith in the death & resurrection of Christ. In what areas of your life do you still struggle to believe that God is pleased with you because of Jesus? (In other words, in what ways do you try to please God outside of faith?)

MEMORY VERSE

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

PRAYER

Close in prayer, thanking God for the redemption and forgiveness we have through His Son, Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you trust Him completely and joyfully. If there is a specific area you need help to live by faith, share it specifically in prayer.

