SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
Week of November 8

FAITH ECHOES
Hebrews 11:20–22

MAIN POINT
Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph show that genuine faith reproduces, becomes personal, acts on God's promises, and endures to the end.

KEY SENTENCE:
Genuine faith echoes across generations and endures all the way to the end.

LOOK → UNDERSTAND → CONNECT → APPLY → PRAY

LOOK — What does God's Word say?

Read Hebrews 11:20–22 together.

1. What do Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph have in common in these verses?

Leader follow-up:

- What do you notice about the way each man acted toward the end of his life?
- How did their actions demonstrate confidence in God's promises?
- Why is it significant that they were looking beyond their own lifetimes?

UNDERSTAND — What does it mean?

2. The sermon describes genuine faith as something that reproduces. What does it mean for faith to influence and shape the lives of others?

Leader follow-up:

- How did Abraham's faith influence the generations that followed him?
- What role did the example and prayers of others play in shaping your own faith?
- Why is it important to recognize that faith does not automatically pass from one generation to the next?

Leader Note: Faith is not inherited automatically, but it can be modeled, taught, and encouraged. The goal is not simply to raise children who know about our faith, but to help them develop a personal relationship with God.

3. Read Romans 10:9–11. Why must faith become personal rather than remain something we simply receive from others?

Leader follow-up:

- In Romans 10:9-11, what does Paul say is involved in believing in Christ?
- What is the difference between knowing what your parents or friends believe and personally trusting Jesus?
- How can we tell whether our faith is genuinely our own?

4. The patriarchs demonstrated their faith through action. What do their examples teach us about the relationship between believing God's promises and acting on them?

Leader follow-up:

- How did Abraham's family demonstrate faith through their decisions?
- Why is faith more than simply agreeing with biblical truths?
- What might it look like to say we trust God but live as though His promises are not true?

CONNECT — How does it connect to our lives?

5. Who has had a significant influence on your faith, and what did you learn from watching their example?

Leader follow-up:

- What specific habits, attitudes, or decisions shaped you?
- Was there someone whose faith became especially meaningful during a difficult season?
- What is one thing about their example you would like to imitate?

6. What are some ways we can unintentionally allow our faith to become secondhand rather than personal?

Leader follow-up:

- How is it possible for someone to be familiar with Christian teaching without personally trusting Christ?
- How can church involvement or family background sometimes give us a false sense of spiritual security?
- What helps keep our relationship with God genuine and growing?

7. Joseph remained faithful in Egypt and continued to trust God's promises even when he would not live to see their fulfillment. What does his example teach us about enduring faith?

Leader follow-up:

- What makes it difficult to remain faithful when we cannot see the results?
- How can our hope in God's future shape the way we live today?
- What does it look like to remain faithful even when we may not see the fruit of our efforts?

Leader Note: Joseph's instructions about his bones were a tangible expression of confidence in God's promise to bring His people back to the promised land. His hope extended beyond his own lifetime.

APPLY — What will we do with it?

8. Who is someone in your life whose faith you have an opportunity to influence or encourage?

Leader follow-up:

- What might that person need to see or hear from you?
- How could your prayers, example, or encouragement help shape their faith?
- What is one intentional step you could take this week?

9. Is there an area of your life where you believe God's promises but struggle to act on them?

Leader follow-up:

- What is making it difficult to take the next step?

- What would obedience look like in that situation?
- How can you move forward in faith without needing to know exactly how things will turn out?

10. What would it look like for you to remain faithful to Christ over the long haul, regardless of what circumstances you face?

Leader follow-up:

- What habits or relationships help sustain your faith?
- What distractions or challenges threaten to pull you away from God?
- How can this group help you remain faithful and encourage others to do the same?

PRAY — How should we pray about it?

Share briefly:

- Who has helped shape your faith, and whom might God be calling you to influence?
- Where do you need to move from simply knowing God's promises to actively trusting them?
- What would help you remain faithful to Christ for the long haul?

Pray for one another:

Ask God to deepen your personal faith, help you become an example that encourages others to follow Christ, and give you the courage to act on His promises. Pray that your faith would endure through every season of life and leave a lasting spiritual influence on those who come after you.

Pray also for other needs, requests, and praises mentioned by group members.