

DISCUSSION GUIDE

FAITH IS PUTTING GOD FIRST

Hebrews 11:17-19

The Faith Chapter — Week 6

ICEBREAKER: If you are at the zoo, what animal do you enjoy watching most and why?

OVERVIEW: For a lot of people, God plays a small part in their life. They may believe in God, go to church, and ask God for help when they run into hard times, but other than that God doesn't really impact their daily life. But this week we are studying a story that reveals the role that God actually wants to play in your life. In short, He wants to be first. And this is what faith is all about — putting God first in your life.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. This sermon is about putting God first. What are some things that compete with God for first place in people's lives?
3. What is God's biggest competitor for first place in your life?
4. What motivates you to put God first in your life?
5. Read Matthew 6:33 and answer the following questions.
 - a. Who is the speaker in this passage?
 - b. What is commanded in this passage?
6. Read Hebrews 11:17-19 and refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions.
 - a. This story is about God testing Abraham. What does the Bible teach about tests / trials?
 - b. What did God tell Abraham to do in this story?
 - c. How did Abraham respond to God's command?
 - d. How did Abraham put God first in this story?
 - e. What changes do you need to make to start putting God first in your life?
7. What does it mean to seek first the kingdom of God?
8. What does it mean to seek first His righteousness?
9. What is the promise in this passage, and what does it mean?

The Last Word: “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.”