

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: What was the best surprise you've ever pulled off?

OVERVIEW: As human beings we crave understanding. Our natural instinct is to ask why and how. But in our study of Hebrews 11 this week, we are learning from the story of Abraham that faith is trusting God and not relying on your own understanding. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to grow in faith.

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. What is faith?
3. What are some false ideas about faith?
4. Describe a time in your life when you needed to exercise faith?
5. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and answer the following questions.
 - a. What are the commands in this passage?
 - b. What does it mean to acknowledge God in all your ways?

NOT RELYING ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

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- c. What does it mean to trust God with all your heart?
 - d. What is the promise in this passage?
6. Read Hebrews 11:8-12 and refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions.
 - a. Who is this passage about?
 - b. Who is Abraham, and what is his significance to Jews and Christians?
 - c. What stories from Abraham's life are referenced in this passage?
 - d. How did Abraham exemplify faith — not relying on your own understanding?
 - e. How can you apply this sermon and Bible passage to your life?

The Last Word: "As believers we cannot always know why, but we can always trust God who knows why, and this makes all the difference." Os Guinness

