



# WHAT IS FAITH?

SERMON GUIDE

## FAITH TRUSTS WHAT CANNOT BE SEEN

Hebrews 11:1-40 | Tim Porter

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### Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

**Getting to Know Me:** Has faith been easy or hard for you? Why?

#### Read Hebrews 11:1-40

**S:** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

**O:** What do you think it means that faith is the "assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (v.1)?

- Is this just wishful thinking? Why or why not? How is faith different?

**O:** Which of the faith stories mentioned in this chapter do you find most compelling today? Why?

**O:** In verses 32-40 there is a contrast between those who experienced very good things by faith (v.32-35a), and "others" who experienced terrible loss (v.35b-40).

- Why do you think it's important to be reminded of both of these kinds of stories?
- What practical impact would it have on someone's life if they believed that "faith" will always get you what you want (v.32-25a)?
- What practical impact would it have on someone's life if they believed that "faith" will never change anything?

**A:** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

**A:** How is your faith right now? Why? What are you experiencing in your relationship with God on a day in and day out basis? What will exercising greater faith look like this week?

**P:** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.