

Bible Study Questions

Everything You Ever Hoped For: A Better Life

Focus

The family of God is ultimately a family of faith. As those of old looked forward in faith to the coming of Jesus, so we today complete that family as we put our faith in Jesus and live according to God's promises about the future.

Read

[Hebrews 11:23-40](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Hebrews which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Hebrews; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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1. How did Moses' actions demonstrate the exceeding worth of God compared to the things of this world? Does your life say the same? How so? In what way can you actively demonstrate the worth of God in your context?
2. In what way is it possible for the author here to speak of the reproach of Christ with respect to Moses? In what ways do Moses' and Jesus' life mirror each other?
3. Of the many examples of faith, given in this passage, which one is most instructive for you in your life right now? Explain.
4. One common thread in most of these examples of faith is that they were living for a future reward, recognizing that their present circumstances were passing and that this present world was not their ultimate home. How can you fight against feeling too at home in this world? What would it look like for you to live by faith in God's promise of a better life to come?
5. In your own words, explain the point of verses 39-40.
6. In what way are we now included in this family of faith? What is the great privilege that we have?
7. Would you say that you're someone who lives into the marvelous privileges you have as a member of this family as described here in verses 39-40?
8. What is significant about the fact that all of these men and women of faith were also people who had many sins and failures we could point to? What does it teach us about God, the gospel, and what it means for us to be included now in this family?
9. Fill in the blank with your name. "By faith _____."

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Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
2. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
3. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?