

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### BY FAITH: MOSES

Jason Greene | Hebrews 11:23-29 | November 28, 2021

1. Hebrews 11:16 states “ *But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*” The city mentioned is described in Revelation 21:1-22:5. Read the passage. The people in the OT did not have the knowledge of the gospel that we do now, yet they still had this deep yearning for a heavenly place. Does the passage in Revelation stir a longing in you? Why or why not? How does that affect your current faith?
2. Read what Romans 12:3, 2 Corinthians 10:15, James 2:14-17 and 1 Corinthians 12:9 say about faith. How do these passages help us understand why different people have varying levels of faith? How much of your faith do you think is contingent on prayer versus actions of obedience?
3. In Genesis 15, God makes a unilateral, contractual agreement with Abraham with a ceremony that communicated God was bound to his promise. Regardless of Abraham’s behaviors, God was going to uphold his promise to him. How does this point to the gospel? Who specifically in your life has God challenged you to love in the same way?
4. Reflect upon your childhood and the culture in which you grew up. What aspects of your childhood and family culture help you understand and grow in intimacy with God? What aspects make it difficult to see God as he is defined in the Bible? (Matt 7:11, Matt 10:29-31, 2 Cor 1:3-4).
5. Abraham and Sarah were considered old when God promised them children (Gen 18:11). They were also old when they had to move homes a lot as sojourners (Gen 21:34). Whether people are old or young, God calls us to follow him in faith (1 Tim 4:12) without complaining (Phil 2:14). How do your expectations towards age or stage in life affect your faith in God’s abilities to work in your life or the lives of others?

#### Prayer Prompt

As we study the various examples of faith demonstrated in the Bible, we must notice challenging and uncomfortable circumstances that came before and/or after the individual acted in faith towards God. Jesus was often misunderstood and mistreated because of his devotion to the Father, and in order to obey fully, he had to die. Do we yearn for the same kind of faith?

During your prayer time, ask Jesus to help you turn away from what hinders your faith and help you to cultivate a heart of faith.

#### Application

Pray for the Spirit to reveal areas of sin in your life and how they are affecting your faith in him. Set aside a specific time in your week to commit to confessing these sins to Jesus in faith. Write a sticky note or put a reminder in your phone to help you remember.

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