

60-Day New Testament Journey
You Gotta Have Faith Leaders Tips
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Memorize

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
– Hebrews 11:1, NIV

Connect With Others

1. **What are some of the everyday ways we exercise faith? What are some of the everyday things in which we put our faith?**

We put our faith in science, in human reason, in doctors or teachers, in vehicles and manufacturers. Faith is essential for life.

2. **Share about a time when you took a “leap of faith”?**

Help the members to connect their story to God’s story. What about God helped them to take that “leap of faith”?

Commit to Growth

Read Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

1. **According to Hebrews 11:1-3, what is biblical faith? Who and in what should our faith be in?**

Faith is living life firmly based on real evidence that God exists and therefore our future will be vastly better. It’s “being sure” and “certain” and our faith is in “what we do not see” and in what “we hope”. The object of our faith needs to be in God and in His promises.

2. **What is the difference between “belief” and “faith”? What are some of the cultural misconceptions about faith?**

Read James 2:19. The difference between “belief” and “faith” is that faith is an action word. Faith takes action. It moves beyond pure “intellect” to move on the belief. It is a volitional commitment.

3. **According to Romans 10:17, where does biblical faith come from? How are your faith muscles growing in this area?**

Faith comes from God's Word! Like working out, if we're not reading God's Word, our faith muscles aren't developing. Discuss how everyone is doing in his or her 60 Day reading! Ask, what will help them to finish strong?

4. **Take a look at the following verses and talk about the promises God makes to you:**

- a. Jeremiah 29:11 – God has plans to prosper us and not harm us.
- b. Matthew 11:28-29 – God promises to give us rest. His yoke is easy.
- c. Philippians 4:19 – God promises to meet our needs.
- d. John 14:27 – God promises to give us His peace.

5. **Can you think of any stories from the Bible where God asked people to trust Him and have faith, even when it didn't make sense? *Hint: Read Hebrews 11:1-39.* What was the outcome of their faith in God?**

Hint: Read Hebrews 11:1-39! Also note and wrestle with Hebrews 11:39.

6. **Faith is an action word. Faith does. Faith works. Which of the following verbs (action words) from Hebrews 11 do you need to adopt right now? Discuss the practicality of your action to your life right now. Why do you need to adopt it now? As a group, discuss some ways we can develop greater trust in God in these areas?**

Here's a few to consider: Understands, prepares, obeys, goes out, waits, receives, confesses, seeks, blesses, refuses, chooses, forsakes, mentions, keeps, obtains, stops, becomes

Use your answers as a springboard to pray for one another!

Pray