

Jesus is a BETTER PURPOSE

Text: Hebrews 11:1 – 16

What Faith IS: Hebrews 11:1

- 1) **CONFIDENCE** that Jesus Christ is and will be ALL He promised:
Romans 8:24–25
- 2) **CONVICTION** that Jesus is BETTER (Has PROVEN Himself): 2
Corinthians 4:18, 5:7
- 3) **IN JESUS (NOT** in itself, saints, religious works, effort, relative moral superiority or sufficiency, possessions, or anything other): Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 1:8

What Faith DOES:

- 1) **Faith UNDERSTANDS** the REALITY of a CREATOR: Hebrews 11:3
- 2) **Faith WORSHIPS** our CREATOR on HIS terms: Hebrews 11:4ab
- 3) **Faith TESTIFIES** to the GLORY of our CREATOR: Hebrews 11:4f
- 4) **Faith LIVES (WALKS)** in intimate RELATIONSHIP with God: Hebrews 11:5ac; Genesis 5:24. See also: Genesis 5:22
- 5) **Faith righteously FEARS** God's JUDGMENT: Hebrews 11:7abc
- 6) **Faith OBEYS – even (especially) when obedience seems IRRATIONAL:** Hebrews 11:8
- 7) **Faith BELIEVES** God's PROMISES: Hebrews 11:9

What Faith RECEIVES: Hebrews 11:2

- 1) **God's PLEASURE:** Hebrews 11:5d-6a; Romans 14:23b; Galatians 5:6
- 2) **God's PROMISES:** Hebrews 11:11-12, Romans 4:13. See also: Genesis 15:5, 22:17; Romans 4:19; Hebrews 11:9
- 3) **PRESERVATION from God's WRATH:** Hebrews 10:38-39. Qtd from Hab. 2:4; See also: Galatians 3:11, Romans 1:17
- 4) **God's RIGHTEOUSNESS – SALVATION from our SIN:** Hebrews 11:4acd, 11:7de; Ephesians 2:8-9. See also: Romans 4:5, 9, 22
- 5) **LIFE forever in God's PRESENCE:** Hebrews 11:5abc

What Faith SEEKS: Hebrews 11:13. See also: 1 Chronicles 29:14-15; Psalm 39:12; Ephesians 2:19-22

- 1) **A better CITY (SAFETY, FLOURISHING, & GROWTH):** Hebrews 11:10, 16b; 13:14; Revelation 21:2. See also: Hebrews 12:22-23; Rev. 21:10
- 2) **A better HOME (COMMUNITY, PEOPLE, BELONGING):** Hebrews 11:14, 16a
- 3) **The ALREADY but not YET better KINGDOM of Jesus:** Hebrews 11:39–40. See also: Matthew 13:16-17
 - a) **FIRST:** Matthew 6:33
 - b) **Without LOOKING BACK:** Hebrews 11:15. See also: Luke 9:62, 17:32-33
- 4) **A better GOD:** Heb. 11:6b; Jeremiah 29:13; Isaiah 55:6–7. See also: v. 12, 14; Jer. 24:7; Deut. 4:29; 2 Chron. 15:2; Prov. 8:17; Hosea 3:5

Gospel In Life Group Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?