

Series: Barrier Breaking Faith	Reference: Hebrews 11:1-3	Title: Defining It	Date: 05.12.19
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Community Group Questions

Take time to pray through the Six:Eight Prayer Foci for 2019

*If the Holy Spirit gives anyone a specific word for the church
share them with the other Community Group Leaders.*

1. **FREEDOM:** Pray against spiritual attack on our church body & its members, so that kingdom ministry goes unhindered.
2. **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:** Pray we'd abide in the Presence of Christ, honoring the Word & Spirit of God, being transformed & becoming more effective in witness. That we'd be drawn deeply into worship & prayer in powerful ways this year.
3. **LEADERSHIP:** Pray for leadership to be filled with the knowledge of the Word & power of the Spirit, operating out of the two as gracious strong servant leaders.
4. **MINISTRIES:** For all 8 church ministries to run smoothly, having all current & future resources provided for them to thrive (*Kids, Community Groups, Kingdom Opportunities, Stewardship, Impressions, Worship Arts, Prayer, Missions*).
5. **LOCAL EVANGELISM:** That we'd preach the Word boldly & minister in the power of the Spirit to see people come to faith & publicly declare that through baptism. - for divine openings with neighbors, coworkers, friends & Community Partners.
6. **CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION:** To be a '*House of Prayer for all Nations*' (Isaiah 56:7), obedient to the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20), overflowing to our Kinship Network relationships reaching Arab world Muslims, and other mission endeavors of the church.
7. **GIVING:** Pray that we'd be stretched in faithful giving of our financial resources in order not to be hindered in our kingdom ministry as a church.

Study Questions

1. **ICEBREAKER:** One person gives their testimony! Listen to their story quietly, then spend a minute in silent prayer before the Holy Spirit about it. Allow the Spirit to speak into what was said, then share anything of encouragement with that person.
2. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you as the group reads Hebrews 11:1-3 out loud together in 3 different translations with healthy pauses in between: The Passion Translation, The Message, and the New International Version.
 1. What do you notice?
 2. What strikes you? Which words or phrases stand out?
 3. Is this faith just blind? Or, is it rooted in something? If so, what?
3. Read through the rest of Chapter 11, what do you notice? Do you have knowledge of some of these stories? What can you say about them? And are they an encouragement to us?
4. Now read Paul's conclusions in Hebrews 12:1-3 - remembering what was just said in chapter 11, what does this mean for us?
5. If time allows, read through Luke 5:1-11, and discuss how this story relates to the ideas we've been exploring of 'being 100% in', 'a slave to righteousness', 'living by faith', and 'being devoted to the call of Christ.'
 1. What is noticeable in this story? What is challenging to you?
 2. Have you ever felt like you've been fishing all night with no result?
 3. Would you have argued Jesus more on throwing the nets out?
6. What were your thoughts on the imaginative prayer we did in the service?
7. Take some time in light of all we've learned to imagine together further what God can do in and through Six:Eight's ministry. Listen to the Holy Spirit, and pray these things to the Lord asking him to take us further as a church! Consider things like...
 1. Permanent Property to do ministry from.
 2. The spiritual formation & depth of all our people.
 3. A new realization, commitment & passion for Jesus & His mission.
 4. Our time, talent & treasures.
 5. Kingdom Opportunities we are involved with, and our influence on this community through them.
 6. Our Community Groups in the Fall - what can God do through them?
 7. Our overall leadership, how is God building into it?
 8. Our children's ministry!
 9. Etc., so on & so forth - BE CREATIVE & IMAGINATIVE! ASK GOD FOR GREAT THINGS!