

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / AUGUST 25

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read Hebrews 11:32–40 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- Hebrews 11 shows two groups of people: one with "God Is Bigger" faith, experiencing deliverance, and another with "God Is Better" faith, enduring suffering.
- "If "God Is Bigger" faith is when God shows off that he's bigger than any obstacle, then "God Is Better" faith is when God uses you to show off that he's better than any earthly outcome."
- "The point of faith is not just to make your life easier. The point of faith is pointing people to the power and worth of God, revealed in the gospel."
- "Sometimes God is glorified when sick people get well; sometimes he is glorified when sick people die well."

Group Discussion

1. Which biblical character's story from Hebrews 11 resonates most with you, and how does their example of faith challenge your current understanding?
2. How can we, like those in Hebrews 11, cultivate a faith that glorifies God whether in deliverance or in enduring hardship?
3. What are some ways we can help each other ensure our faith is not centered on personal gain but on pointing others to the power and worth of God?
4. In what areas of your life do you sense God calling you to demonstrate "God Is Bigger" or "God Is Better" faith? How might this look practically?

TESTIMONY

- Share a time when you had to rely on "God Is Bigger" faith or "God Is Better" faith. How did you see God work through that situation, whether through deliverance or sustaining you through hardship?

PRAYER

- Ask God to deepen your joy and trust in him, even in the midst of suffering or unanswered prayers, knowing that he is better than any earthly outcome.
- Pray for boldness to share the gospel and for opportunities to glorify God through your actions, whether in times of victory or hardship.