

SCC SMALL GROUP
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Authentic Faith
Hebrews 11:1-3, 6-8 & 27

Getting Started:

- A. Share one occasion in your life when you felt confident.

- B. Is life better when you know what's up ahead or when it's a little bit of a surprise?

- C. Growing up, who was the person who "had great faith" in your life?

Searching the Scriptures:

- A. What are the connections between what the author has said in 10:35-39 and the themes of chapter 11?

- B. In the definition of faith in verse 1, what two verbs describe faith?
 - What is the object of both of these verbs?

 - Write out your own expanded definition of faith as you try to capture the meaning of verse 1.

- C. Look up Habakkuk 2:4. What does this verse have to say about faith?

D. Don't miss why faith is so important in verse 6!

E. How does verse 6 exemplify this understanding of faith?

F. How does verse 3 illustrate faith as the certainty "of what we do not see?"

- Why is faith necessary to see the Creator behind the creation?
- When we understand God to be the Creator, how does that effect our view of "life issues" today?

G. In reference to the writer's definition of faith in verse 1, is it wrong to be a "I'll believe it when I see it" person? Why or why not? Are there "OK" places in life to be so empirical?

H. The NT contains 1,050 commands which are ways that God can and will bring blessing into our lives. How does that make you feel about God? How does that make you feel about the life you are presently experiencing?

Application of the Scriptures:

- A. Which point in Pastor Scott's message stood out to you?
- B. Respond to the following quote "Successful people do what unsuccessful people don't feel like doing."
- C. Which is easiest/hardest for you:
- Believing without seeing
 - Going without knowing
 - Persisting when you don't feel like it