

Hebrews 11 – Faith and Identity in Christ

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Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Do you know the meaning of your name? If not, take a few minutes to look it up.
2. Do you like your name's meaning? Why or why not?
3. How would you describe your identity? In other words, who are you?
4. What do you remember about the sermon? Did anything impact or challenge you? Do you have any questions?
5. Read Exodus 2:11-15
 - a) Moses had grown up as a prince of Egypt. Why do you think he killed the Egyptian?
 - b) Why do you think Moses tried to intervene in the fight between the two Hebrews?
 - c) How do you think Moses had started to view himself? (see Hebrews 11:24-25)
 - d) What was the one Hebrew man's response to Moses? How do you think these words might have affected Moses' view of himself?
 - e) To what degree do you think that other people's perspectives of you have affected your view of yourself?
6. Read Exodus 3:1-11 (this event happens forty years after Moses killed the Egyptian in Exodus 2)
 - a) How do you think you would respond if you experienced God in such a supernatural way?
 - b) How does God describe himself in verse 6? How might this relate to Moses' own identity?
 - c) What was God calling Moses to do?
 - d) How might this new calling relate to Moses' view of himself forty years earlier?
 - e) What was Moses' response to God in verse 11? Compare these words to the words spoken in Exodus 2:14. What do you notice?
 - f) Have you ever felt called by God? How has that calling turned out? Has it been shut down in some way?
 - g) Reflecting on Moses' life, do you think it's possible that God might resurrect a seemingly dead calling in your life?
7. Read Exodus 3:11-14
 - a) Moses asks an identity question: "Who am I...?" What was God's interesting answer?
 - b) To what extent do you see your own identity in terms of your relationship to God?
 - c) How did God respond to Moses' question about God's name? What do you think the significance of this name is?
 - d) How might God's name help you to be more secure in your own identity?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Using this passage as a guide, make a list of the various aspects of the true identity of a Christian.
9. Spend some time praying that God would help you see yourself according to your true identity in Christ. And pray for any specific needs in your group.