



GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **MARCH 22**

Series: *By Faith*

Faith of Moses and God's People (Hebrews 11:23-31)

Icebreakers!

1. When have you been part of a terrific community? What are the benefits of having a good group of people you're close to?
2. What makes community hard? How have people today become more connected and yet more lonely ... and why is that?

Digging Deeper

3. **Study Hebrews 11:23-31 on the back of this page.** Circle important things you see, and put arrows by anything that could be hard to understand. What big ideas stand out?
4. Did you have to choose a different crowd of people to run around with when you started following Jesus? What makes changing your "crowd" so hard—but *worth* it?
5. What's the greater reward of following Jesus, even when it's hard – a reward better than all the treasures that Egypt had to offer?
6. What's special about experiencing a holy moment by faith *with other believers* in a way that's different from such a moment of faith *on your own*?
7. Why does the faith of a leader affect the faith of the people who follow them? Who are the people who look up to *you* as a leader in faith? How can your faith guide them?
8. If God were to call a non-Christian, wandering in sin, to faith in Him because of the *church* ... what would be true of the people of that church, with that kind of impact?
9. **What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you?**
Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

Application

10. What did this passage of Scripture cause you to rethink? Do you need to correct any beliefs about the faith you are meant to share with God's people, not only on your own?
11. How did this passage affect what you love? If your love for God's people was greater, how would that love weaken your love for sin and its "pleasures" that just don't last?
12. What does God want you to do with what you've heard? How can you choose to connect your growth in faith with other Christians? What's separating you from others that you need to get rid of? What will draw you to others that you should commit to?

Hebrews 11:23-31 (ESV)

By faith Moses, when he was born,
was hidden for three months **by his parents**,
*because they saw that the child was beautiful,
and they were not afraid of the king's edict.*

By faith Moses, when he was grown up,
refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
**choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God
than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.**

He considered the reproach of Christ
greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt,
for he was looking to the reward.

By faith he left Egypt,
*not being afraid of the anger of the king,
for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.*

**By faith he kept the Passover
and sprinkled the blood**,
so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land,
but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down
after they had **been encircled** for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,
because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.