



# STUDY QUESTIONS FOR **FEBRUARY 8**

## **Series: *By Faith***

*Faith and the Universe (Hebrews 11:1-3)*

### **Icebreakers!**

1. How do people talk about *faith* (not Christian faith, but faith in general) in music, movies, or other parts of culture today?
2. When do people show too little faith? When do people show too *much* faith?

### **Digging Deeper**

3. **Study Hebrews 10:35-39 and 11:1-3 on the back of this page.** What do these passages teach us about faith? Why do we need it? What happens to those without it?
4. **Read Genesis 1:1, 1:31, and 2:1.** If God created the heavens and the earth like the Bible says, then why should we live by faith? If He didn't, how does that affect a life of faith?
5. **Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** What's the opposite here of leaning on our own understanding? How does this relate to living a life of faith?
6. **Read Romans 8:23-25.** What is Paul looking forward to in hope? What sustains this hope in what neither he nor we can see?
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.** What does Paul believe about the things that are unseen compared to what he sees? What strength can we draw from sharing this faith?
8. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-10.** What is Paul looking ahead to here – by faith, not by sight? How does this anticipation shape his aim (verse 9) and ours?
9. **Read 1 Peter 1:6-9.** What about our faith do trials test? What are the outcomes/results of our faith? How have you seen this in your life so far?
10. What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you? Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

### **Application**

11. Who do you know that struggles to have faith in what they can't see? What makes faith hard for them? Ask God this week to enable them to overcome their barriers to faith.
12. What marks you as a man or woman of faith? How will people see that you lived by faith, like the people we'll read about later in Hebrews 11?

Hebrews 10:35-39  
**Hebrews 11:1-3 (ESV)**

Therefore *do not throw away your confidence,*  
which has a great reward.

For *you have need of endurance,*  
so that when you have done the will of God  
*you may receive what is promised.*

For,  
“Yet a little while,  
and the coming one will come and will not delay;  
but my righteous one shall live **by faith**,  
and *if he shrinks back,*  
*my soul has no pleasure in him.*”

But we are not of those  
*who shrink back*  
*and are destroyed,*  
but of those  
**who have faith**  
*and preserve their souls.*

**Now faith** is  
the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.



**For by it**  
the people of old received their **commendation**.

**By faith** we understand  
that the universe was created by the word of God,

so that what is seen  
was not made out of  
things that are visible.

