

## Bible Study on Hebrews 6 of 8 – Leader Guide

Hebrews 10:19 - 11:40 (Exhortation to Faithfulness and OT Examples of Faith)

### Schedule:

1/19 – Hebrews Introduction & 1:1-2

1/26 – 1:3 - 2:18 (Jesus' Superiority over the Angels)

2/2 – 3:1 - 4:13 (Jesus' Superiority over Moses)

2/9 – 4:14 - 7:28 (Superiority of Jesus' Priesthood: Jesus, the New Melchizedek)

2/16 – 8:1 - 10:18 (Superiority of Jesus' Sacrifice)

2/23 – 10:19 - 11:40 (Exhortation to Faithfulness and OT Examples of Faith)

3/2 – 12:1-29 (Jesus the Ultimate Example of Faithfulness & warning against disobedience)

3/9 – 13:1-25 (Final Exhortations, Blessings and Greetings)

### Hebrews Chapter 10

10:19-25

- A. Verses 19-22 make a clear connection to Good Friday, remembering that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world.
- B. Verse 22 make a connection between baptism and the work of the high priest sprinkling blood on the altar.
  - a. We are baptized into Christ's death (Romans 6:3) and His blood makes us clean.
- C. The explanation to Luther's Small Catechism uses verses 23-25 to explain that there are outward indications that the Church is present and active.
- D. Verse 25 is a favorite verse to exhort Christians to continue to attend a church.
  - a. We are all sinners, and we need brotherly encouragement to continue

10:26:31

- A. This section recalls the warning against apostasy (walking away) from earlier in 6:4-8.
- B. Lutheran reformers used these verses to explain how believers can walk away from their faith – not once saved, always saved.
  - a. God's will is “to receive into grace all who repent and believe and punish those who arrogantly turn away” (Solid Declaration XI, 83).

10:32-39

- A. The quotation in verses 37-38 is from Isaiah 26:20 and Habakkuk 2:3.

- a. Christians who remain in the faith have the great assurance of salvation because of Jesus' sacrifice. – Faith alone, in Christ alone.

## Hebrews Chapter 11

11:1-3

- A. This introduction to a list of faithful “people of old” (v. 2 ESV) welcomes the believer into the same list (v. 3).
- B. The Augsburg Confession cites 11:1 saying that “faith is not only a matter of historical knowledge, but a matter of having confidence in God to receive the promise” (AC XX, 25).

11:4-7

- A. This is a list of the “primeval people of faith,” who serve as types for Christ.
  - a. Try reading through the list of Abel, Enoch and Noah and see how Christ proved faithful to following the Father in greater ways than even these men of faith.

11:8-19

- A. In this chapter of examples of faithfulness, Abraham is written about the most as the father of God's people (v. 12).
  - a. God's Word tells us that we are heirs of Abraham by faith (Gal. 3:7-9).
  - b. We can have faith in God because He has shown Himself to be faithful.

11:20-22

- A. Isaac, Jacob and Joseph received the inheritance of Abraham's blessing and his faith.

11:23-31

- A. Three groups are listed as examples of faith: Moses (a leader of God's people), those who crossed the Red Sea (God's people) and Rahab (not one of “God's people”).

11:32-38

- A. There are two categories of experiences for the faithful: 1. Those who have gained much through their faith (11:32-38) and 2. Those who have suffered much on account of their faith (11:35b-38)

11:39-40

A. All of the Old Testament examples of faith had not received what the Church now has – the     **New Covenant**     given through Christ's sacrifice for all sin.

God Bless.  
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