

# Bible Study on the *FAITH-Depending on God*

Emanuel United Church of Christ

Tuesday ~ 6:00 pm

September 10- *Hebrews 11:1-16*

September 17- *Genesis 12:1-9*

September 24- *Romans 3:19-26*

October 1- *2 Kings 5:1-15*

October 8- *James 2:14-26*

October 15- *2 Samuel 7:18-29*

October 22- *Hebrews 12:1-11*

October 29- *John 16:16-28*

November 5- *2 Timothy 4:6-18*

Below you will find additional reading and questions as follow up to each class.

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**In Praise of Faith**

**Hebrews 11:1-16**

*Thank God for the examples of faithful people. Pray that you will put into action the faith that you have, whether it is great or small.*

How would you like your attitude to change during this study on faith?

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Abraham ~ Faith Under Construction**

**Genesis 12:1-9**

*No one can foresee the outcome of where following God may lead. Pray that you will obey God and go ahead to follow where he is leading you right now.*

Reflect on how your present knowledge of Jesus Christ compares with your knowledge when you first began to trust him.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Righteousness by Faith**

**Romans 3:19-26**

*Thank God for his lavish gift of forgiveness in Christ. Thank him also that he does not leave us guessing about our forgiveness but grants us certainty.*

Take notes of various ways people seek to connect with God. Stay on the lookout for evidence of spiritual searching as you watch TV, listen to music, read, and talk with people. Consider how you can use people's efforts and longings as opportunities to share the gospel.

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Naaman ~ *Fatih Without Fireworks***

**2 Kings 5:1-15**

*Ask God to open your eyes to the "small" things he does, which are actually big things in his sight. Ask him for courage to obey his promptings even if they seem trivial.*

Consider areas of your life in which you need to obey as Naaman obeyed. Plan how you will take the first step to "go down into the Jordan for the first time" Some possible examples:

- Cross and invisible barrier to talk to someone at church or in your neighborhood whom you have previously ignored.
- Vow to refrain from some harmful pattern, such as join in gossip about coworkers.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Faith Without Action**

**James 2:14-26**

*Pray for genuine Faith that does not stay private but makes itself known.*

Write a note to someone expressing ways that you see that person's faith in action. Thank the person for the way they inspire your own faith.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**David ~ Faith That Worships**

**2 Samuel 7:18-29**

*Thank God that, in his wisdom, your life has not always worked out the way you planned.*

In a spirit of worship, what would you like to say to the Lord about himself?

About yourself?

About how far he has brought you?

About your hopes for the future?

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Focus of Faith**

**Hebrews 12:1-11**

*Pray for endurance to continue to pursue Christ. Thank him for being there at the beginning, middle and end—in fact at every step—of the race you must run.*

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**In Jesus' Name ~*Faith That Asks***

**John 16:16-28**

*Thank the Lord that he allows us to freely approach him in prayer.*

What are some things you believe Jesus would have you ask for in the coming week?

In the coming year?

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**The Finale of Faith**

**2 Timothy 4:6-18**

*Thank God for new insights into faith. Thank him also for remaining faithful to you even when your faith falters.*

How would you like to change your “faith epitaph” from your reflection on this study?

How can you work towards that goal?

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This is the end of our study of Faith-Depending on God. Don't let questions discourage your faith. God welcomes and encourages the smallest step of trust toward himself. By God's grace we are being made into ever more faithful people. I pray you have a deeper understanding of Faith.