

# ACTS2COMMUNITY

## STUDY QUESTIONS—Leader's Guide

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Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11

Leaders: *If you haven't heard the sermon yet, it is a good idea to go back and listen to it before you lead your group. This study will make more sense having heard the message.*

*Also, be sure to read through Hebrews 11, more than once. As you are reading, make notes on what you feel God is saying through this passage. Take the time to answer these questions before you lead. Dig deep into this passage until you feel that you understand the big picture.*

### Getting Started

What words would you use to describe your personality?

How would your friends describe your personality?

Are they similar?

### Digging Deeper

In last week's sermon, we learned that there is more to the 10 commandments than just a list of "don'ts". The commandments are about a relationship: God's faithfulness to us, and our faithfulness to Him. Faith is not an inward feeling, but an outward expression of Christ's work in you.

"In the law, the 'total life of man' is ordered. There is no primary distinction between the inner and the outer life'; the holy calling of the people must be realized in both." - Rousas John Rushdoony in *The Institutes of Biblical Law*

What does this quote say about faith?

As a group, read Hebrews 11 out loud.

*Leaders: It is a good idea to have each member read about 3-5 verses at a time. Help facilitate the reading out loud. Give group members the option to opt out of reading out loud. Tell them to just say, "pass" when it is their turn.*

What are some of the action words used to describe the faith of the ancients?

*Offered, warned, went, blessed, spoke, hid, etc.*

*Leaders: The audience of this passage would be familiar with each of these stories. It is their history, a way to remember what God has done and how their faith was lived out. Their faith was understood through what they had done.*

### Application

What are some action words that describe your present level of faith? Why these?

How is your faith expressed in your life outside of Sunday morning? Outside of your Acts 2 Community?