

### **THE SHIELD OF FAITH**

*Hebrews 11 & 12:1-2*

#### **MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK**

1. WHAT FAITH IS
2. HOW FAITH IS A SHIELD
3. WHERE FAITH COMES FROM

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group**

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. What is your understanding of faith? How did Sunday's message reinforce, challenge or change your view of faith?
3. Read Hebrews 11:1-12:2 as a group. What do you see in these examples that is challenging to you? What do you see in these examples that is encouraging to you?
4. The ideas of "things hoped for" and "reward" come up multiple times in Hebrews 11. What is the connection between reward and faith? What reward is promised to those who seek God? How do we know that God will keep His promises?
5. What are the "flaming arrows" that most regularly get thrown your way? What are the most common lies you find yourself believing? What truths from God's word could counter those lies?
6. Satan's lies can so easily lead us into doubts about God. What doubts do you have about God right now? What led to your doubt? How are you handling your doubt?
7. What step of faith do you sense God is calling you to take next? What is keeping you from taking that step? What could help you take it?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Our hope is not in our abilities or even in the strength of our faith; it is in the object of our faith. Our hope is in Jesus.