

[DARING TO DREAM: SINNER'S FAITH]

God is moving. He has promises for us and is inviting us to take a step of faith to receive His promises. Many of the people mentioned in Hebrews 11 did not have lives that were easy or did they always make good/right decisions, yet God used them to fulfill His dream. So, let's not let our past or present circumstances be a hindrance in being part of God's story! The question we want to ask is - will I take the next step of faith in front of me, to follow God's dream for and through me?

LOOKING BACK:

FAMILY TIME (25 min)

- Vision Statement: Explain the vision of lifegroup.
- Praise Reports & Prayer Requests: Allow space for your group to share any praise reports and prayer requests (in small group or with one other person).

LOOKING UP:

WORSHIP (20 min)

- Spend time in worship together.
- Some possible song suggestions:

The Way - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0zsJlk8p6l Have It All - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WPbs7N-E00

Daring To Dream Worship Playlist

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0zsJlk8p6l&list=PLCCozYYsZZlNobiQdDWT8xcfEudVIZPSQ

BIBLE STUDY (20 min)

- Intro Question: What was your New Year's resolution this year? How has that been?
 Are you still on track?
- Intro to Bible Study: This past Sunday, we learned about how Rahab was able to enter into God's story. Regardless of her past/present circumstances, she was able to enter into God's story. As we learned, faith isn't limited to our circumstances, status or ability but it's in our willingness to step into God's story, choosing to believe that we can be part of His story.

Let's take a look at Hebrews 11:24-31

24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

Divide into smaller groups and share from these questions:

- 1) What strikes you/stands out to you from this passage?
- 2) What do you learn about God?

- 3) What did you learn about these people of faith? Did one of them stand out to you? If so, why?
- 4) What is God speaking to you through the journeys of these people of faith?

LOOKING FORWARD (20-30 minutes)

Often in our quest of being part of God's story, it isn't about taking a huge leap of faith but simply taking the next step of faith in front of us. In your quest of being part of God's story, what do you think is the next step of faith for you? Take time to pray and ask God.

Afterwards, get into pairs/groups and share with one another what your next step of faith is. We encourage everyone to have a partner or group to walk with and hold accountable to, as we want everyone to step into God's story for them! And as Pastor Josh mentioned a couple Sundays ago, we are called to dream together in community, so let's step into this as a community rallying for one another!

KIDS' LESSON SUGGESTION:

Let's take a look at Josiah's life with kids in your lifegroup!

- 1. Show this video first https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C4MEXXbBmM
- 2. Highlight these points:
 - a. Josiah chose to follow God at a young age, even when his family and people didn't. You can choose to follow God too, even if your friends don't!
 - b. Josiah did what God said in the book of the Law. He didn't think that was too big of a dream or task to get rid of all idol items and fix up the temple (it's like the church of today), so people can worship God. He wanted to do what was right in God's eyes. You can too! You can do what may seem really big for God to show Him you love Him and want to obey Him.
 - c. Have the kids ask the Holy Spirit to show them one thing they can do this coming week to show God He loves them.