

SERMON SERIES
COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES

Sermon title: Contending for the Faith (Jude 1: 3-4)

Summary of sermon:

Faith will always be challenged by the enemy. He doesn't want us to live by faith. In Hebrews 11 faith falls into 4 categories:

1. Basic faith (Salvation)
2. Specific faith (when we are called to a task as the 'heroes' were in Hebrews 11)
3. Enduring faith (Keeping going amidst harsh resistance) Heb 11: 35 - 38
4. Generational faith. Sometimes the promises made to us are manifest in the generations ahead. Heb 11: 39 - 40

Discussion points:

1. Read Romans 1:20. God is displayed in His creation. The devil, though, invents an alternative truth (evolution) as to how the world was made in order to confuse basic faith (Hot potato!)
2. Discuss then 'Gift of Faith' which Paul talked about in 1 Corinthians 12. Has anyone experience of this?
3. Discuss faith under attack by persecution Hebrews 11: 35 - 38
4. Discuss 'Generational faith' and how some promises are not fulfilled in our lifetimes.

Action points: *how can we apply the word this week?*

1. Keep in mind that faith will be challenged, so be ready for that!
2. Keep your eye on those around you. We can't do this alone

Prayer points: That we will stand during the time of testing