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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 3

The Way
of Jesus
Faith and Hope

Bible Readings

Hebrews 11

James 2

Romans 14

Hebrews 6

(Romans 5)



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate some instances in the Bible where faith and hope are spoken of.
- Identify examples of Biblical faith and hope.
- Explore how faith and hope can be expressed in your life

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What difference can the way of faith and hope make in our world and in your life?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

What comes to mind when you hear the word “faith” or “hope”?

Can you think of a story that demonstrates what you think of faith or hope? It might be something that’s happened to you or to someone you know. It might be a scene from a movie or lyric from a song.

Take a moment to share it with your group.

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn’t understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Hebrews 11

It has been said that following Jesus is about entering into a “new way of living”. Our studies on the “way of Jesus” will provide you with some biblical insight into the way He lived His life. As you consider His way of faith & hope, love, grace, and sacrifice, you’re also invited to consider how you might live in this way.

Some Reflections on Faith and Hope

From Hebrews 11

- faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see
- our origin and beginning is understood by faith
- a right response to God is the result of faith
- through faith we can please God
- faith enables obedience in the face of opposition
- faith sees a bigger picture, and is okay with things not making sense in the here and now

- faith can result in outcomes we weren’t intending or expecting
- faith is assured of a future which carries on after we’re gone
- our faith can prepare the next generation for the steps they need to take
- faith overcomes the fear that others might want to keep us under
- faith shapes a new identity that helps us contribute to a larger story
- faith can bring God’s protection and victory in unexpected ways

From James 2

- genuine faith produces works as a “faith expression”

From Romans 14

- personal faith informs my decisions in disputable matters

From Hebrews 6

- hope brings security for the soul ...

From Romans 5

- our hope is in the glory of God
- our hope does not disappoint

Explore – Express

On a large piece of paper, draw a map that represents different aspects of your group's community (e.g. school, home, business, government, etc.), and answer the following questions:

- What do people found here think of faith or hope?
- In what ways might they experience faith and hope as the Bible portrays them?
- In what ways can your group bring faith and hope into your community?

Explore – Integrate

- As you compare what the Bible says about faith and hope with the common understanding of faith and hope, what do you notice?
- How would you describe your own experience of faith and hope?
- What difference can faith and hope bring?
- How can you cultivate the way of faith and hope this week in your own life?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Have the group share what they might need faith for this week ... or what they hope for.

Then pray for one another asking God to give the faith, or to reveal how He is aligning our hopes with His.

Then close with Jude 24 and 25