

Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group to help you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week!

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Our *Unexpected Heroes* series this week gives us a deeper insight into Enoch, a person whose name only shows up briefly three times in the Bible - once in the Old Testament then twice in the New Testament. But while there may not be many verses devoted to him, Enoch, as Pastor Don shows us today, demonstrates that when we live our lives with intentionality and faithfulness to God we'll experience an impact far beyond what we could have ever thought or imagined (see Ephesians 3:20). To get the group talking, let everyone share about a person they know who's been a wonderful example of faith to them...

BIG THOUGHT

When we faithfully walk with God we will experience His presence and blessings in ways we never would have imagined.

1. To get started, read Genesis 5:1-20. Who did God create human beings to be like? (v. 1) What was God's attitude toward humanity? (v. 2) As you read through the descriptions of Adam and his descendants, what phrase comes at the end of each one of these different accounts of Adam and his offspring? How does this convey the reality of the truth found in Adam and Eve's punishment? (see the last phrase of Genesis 3:19)
2. Now read v. 21-24. What is specifically noted about the life of Enoch? (v. 22, 24) Who else does the book of Genesis describe this way? (see Genesis 6:9) How does the summary of his life end? (v. 24) What do you think the phrase "walking in close fellowship with God" means? How does walking with God change our eternal destiny?

3. Now read Hebrews 11:1-2. How would you rephrase v. 1 in your own words? And what is God's response when He sees us exercising faith? (v. 2)
4. Read v. 5-6. What does the author of Hebrews give as the reason Enoch was taken away? (v. 5) How does this correlate to the reason Genesis gives? What two foundations does the author list as necessary for faith in God? (v. 6) Which of those two is easier for you? Why? What makes the other more difficult? Share with the group...
5. Now read v. 7-31. Which of these examples of faithfulness (there can be more than one!) stand out to you? Why? Read v. 32-40. Does this list inspire you or make you a little nervous? Why? And why is staying faithful important even if we don't get to experience what we're hoping for? (v. 39-40)

Take it Further

Talk with God and thank Him for being worthy of your faith and obedience - and then ask Him to give you even more courage to remain faithfully confident in His care for you when tough times hit.

Daily Verse Readings

Day 1: 1 Corinthians 2:5

Day 4: Luke 1:37

Day 2: Luke 17:5

Day 5: 1 Samuel 12:24

Day 3: Deuteronomy 6:5

Day 6: 2 Corinthians 5:7

Memory Verses: Genesis 5:23



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