

*The*  
**Hall**  
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GREAT MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH IN THE BIBLE

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**





## **Week 1**

**Text:** Genesis 6:1–21; 8:20–22; 9:1–16

**Topic:** Noah, Covenant, God's Love

**Big Idea of the Message:** After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and humanity that was symbolized in the rainbow.

**Application Point:** We will see God's covenant love for all people on earth.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Does God love everyone?
3. What are some other examples of ark symbols in pop culture?
4. To whom did God make a promise in the Noahic covenant?
5. What does the Noahic covenant teach us?
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 2**

**Text:** Genesis 12:1; 15:17–18; 17:1–5; 22:16–18

**Topic:** Covenant, Abraham, Circumcision, Ritual

**Big Idea of the Message:** God made a blood covenant with Abraham that God honored by fulfilling his promise of descendants and blessings. The sign of this covenant for Abraham was circumcision.

**Application Point:** We serve a God who promises blessings and binds himself to us in covenant.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Is it hard to trust people, especially when they promise you something?
3. What is a modern example of biblical covenant?
4. What did God promise Abraham? What took place in the covenant ceremony?
5. Were Abraham and God equal in the covenant? Why or why not?
6. What was the sign of God's covenant with Abraham?
7. How can we pray for you?



### **Week 3**

**Text:** Hebrews 11:21; Genesis 25:19–34; 32:22–31

**Topic:** Jacob, Lying, Deception, Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** Jacob deceived his brother and father, only to be deceived himself. He found redemption through wrestling with God and accepting his promise.

**Application Point:** Jacob's life reveals that God works to accomplish his will despite our sin and failures.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What do you think of when you hear the term *con man*?
3. Who was Jacob in the Bible? What did he do?
4. How was Jacob deceived?
5. Do we deceive others to better ourselves?
6. How can we hold each other accountable to honesty?
7. How can we pray for you?



#### **Week 4**

**Text:** Hebrews 11:23–29

**Topic(s):** Moses, Children of Israel, Faith, God's Promises

**Big Idea of the Message:** Moses's example of trusting God's presence is woven throughout his story. He demonstrates willingness to embrace suffering for God's sake.

**Application Point:** God is leading us in our own sort of exodus. As we follow Christ, we will have to make difficult choices that will require us to trust Jesus.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What about Moses's faith encourages you? Challenges you?
3. The author of Hebrews says that Moses "considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt" (11:26). What does that mean?
4. What does it mean to you? In what ways might we have to do the same in today's world?
5. How does knowing that Moses had to trust God's provision in the midst of danger speak to you about your own struggles? How can you use Moses's story to encourage others?
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 5**

**Text:** Hebrews 11:32–34; Acts 13:22; 2 Samuel 11:1–27; 12:1–14

**Topic:** David, Coveting, Adultery, Murder, Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** David's life of faithfulness was stained by his coveting of Bathsheba. David suffered the consequences of sin but found redemption through repentance and God's forgiveness.

**Application Point:** We should turn to God in our time of sin and failure.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Has someone you thought could do no wrong let you down?
3. Why is David called a man after God's own heart?
4. What did David do that was sinful?
5. How do we also covet?
6. What does David teach us about where to turn in our failures?
7. How can we pray for you?





## **Week 6**

**Text:** Esther 1-10

**Topic(s):** Power, Fear, Courage

**Big Idea of the Message:** Esther is called upon to risk her life for the sake of her people. She is ultimately successful at averting the planned annihilation of her people, and God's purposes are worked out through her actions.

**Application Point:** God is with us whenever we take our own risks by living in faithfulness to Christ and his commands.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is your first reaction to this week's reading and message?
2. "And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" asks Mordecai (3:14). When have you found yourself in the right place at the right time to serve God?
3. Consider Esther's bravery. What motivates her? What motivates you to be brave?
4. Consider too Mordecai's role in provoking Esther to action. Have you ever found yourself in the position of needing to motivate a person of influence to act on your behalf? What was it like?
5. The entire book of Esther is full of seemingly unrelated events that come together to bring about God's plans. Many people of faith can describe how events came together in such a way that they knew God's hand was at work. Describe a time when you may have experienced God's hand at work in your lives.
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 7**

**Text:** Ruth 1-4

**Topic:** Redemption, Tragedy, Love, Loyalty, God's Love

**Big Idea of the Message:** The book of Ruth opens with tragedy upon tragedy. It appears that Naomi has been forgotten by God, but Ruth—a young, childless, foreign widow—shines as the book's godly example of perseverance.

**Application Point:** When God is silent in the midst of your suffering, trust him still.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. If you could describe the love of God from one word/phrase in the book of Ruth, what would that word be?
3. Have you ever experienced God's "silence"? How did you grow, or what did you learn?
4. Can you relate more to Ruth's or Naomi's response to trauma?
5. How would you define perseverance in your own words?
6. How can I pray for you?





## **Week 8**

**Text:** 1 Kings 18:20–40

**Topic(s):** Trust, Commitment, Obedience, Decisions

**Big Idea of the Message:** The story of Elijah and Ahab shows a contrast between what happens when people trust God and when they don't.

**Application Point:** God will call us to serve him no matter the circumstances.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. The story of Elijah and Ahab shows two people who have been entrusted to lead and how they strikingly differ. Read 1 Kings 16:29–34; 17:1–6. Compare and contrast the leadership qualities of Ahab and Elijah. What stands out to you about how they lead?
3. Read 1 Kings 17:7–24. What seems important about Elijah's interaction with the woman of Zarephath? How do the various miracles speak to the authority of God versus Baal? What is significant about the raising of her son from the dead?
4. In your own words, explain the showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. What did it accomplish? Who was most impacted by it? How did it end?
5. In your own life, have you experienced any showdowns where you had to stand firmly in the confidence you have in Jesus? Please share.
6. How can I pray for you?



## **Week 9**

**Text:** Judges 15-16

**Topic(s):** Divine Calling, Compromise, God's Will, Consequences, Repentance, Restoration

**Big Idea of the Message:** From conception, Samson had everything he needed to fulfill his calling, but because of compromise and rebellion, he faced failure. Even so, God was gracious and willing to restore Samson, even at his lowest point.

**Application Point:** Repentance does not remove all consequences of sin, but God stands ready to restore the penitent sinner to a full relationship with him.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why is it so tempting for believers to act like the rest of the world instead of standing out?
3. Even though Samson repented, his sin still resulted in his death. Why does sin still carry consequences, even after repentance?
4. Share about a time when you experienced God's grace.
5. Share about a time when you cried out to God for help. How did he answer?
6. How can we pray for you?