

LIVING BEYOND

WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MAIN IDEA: Courageous faith moves us to make hard choices and brave steps.

WELCOME 10 MINUTES

What do you think is the most courageous thing you've ever done?

WORSHIP 10 MINUTES

Read Colossians 2:6-7. It is good for the soul to consistently come before God and solely think about what we are grateful for. There is a correlation between our thankfulness and being rooted in Christ Jesus. Spend this time giving everyone a chance to tell God what they are thankful for. Do this popcorn style (anyone can pray whenever they feel led, no matter how short) for about 10 minutes, and let the posture of gratitude reach your heart.

WORD 35 MINUTES

Our fall series on Hebrews 11 will cover numerous Old Testament stories. So while our weekly discussion will unpack Hebrews 11 and the weekend message, let's also commit to reading God's word before meeting together so we have a fresh view of the whole story.

1. Read Hebrews 11:23-25. Moses' life was marked in many ways. What courageous decision did his parents make at the beginning of his life? If his parents hadn't done this, what would have happened differently?
2. How have people connected to you made courageous decisions that affected the trajectory of your life?
3. Being in the royal family would have been comfortable, safe, filled with money, privileges, and any pleasure Moses could have wanted. These are normally markers of what Americans pursue as a good life. Why could Moses have possibly chosen a different path?

4. Read Hebrews 11:26. How is disgrace in the name of Christ greater than earthly treasures?
5. Choosing this path takes incredible courage. Is there an area in your life where you believe God might be calling you to give up earthly treasures or comfort for the uncomfortable calling of Christ?
6. Read Hebrews 11:27-29. Sometimes the biggest obstacle in making courageous decisions is fear. What might Moses have been fearful of in this journey from Pharaoh's household to leading the Israelites out of Egypt toward the promised land?
7. Is there an area of fear that holds you back from courageous faith decisions and actions?
8. We have the blessing of seeing how the whole story of Moses plays out. How did Moses' courageous faith end up impacting lives and blessing others in the grand scheme of things?
9. Is there a decision in front of you where God wants to use you to bless people or impact lives? How can we support you or pray for you on this journey?

WORKS 15 MINUTES

1. Daily Devotion: Next week we are taking a break from Hebrews as we have guests from MOHI visiting us. Let's read Joshua 1-6 before we pick back up in Hebrews 11 two weeks from now.
2. Works: Steve mentioned an intentional way he and Pam wanted to bless their neighbors this holiday season. What can you do for your neighbors that would be a blessing this holiday season?