

# LIVING BEYOND

## WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

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**MAIN IDEA:** Living a life of faith that pleases God.

#### WELCOME 10 MINUTES

What do your family or friends do that make you feel loved?

#### WORSHIP 10 MINUTES

We can do two things through faith to show God that we love him: obey him and love people (Matt. 22:36-40; Matt. 28:18-20, 1 John 4:7-8). Faith is belief put into action. Before we can step into the action, let's spend some time in prayer professing to God the things we believe about him. Spend at least five minutes as a group telling God the things you believe about him and then end the time by praying for your time together as a group. That he would help our belief move into action through faith.

#### 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 Genesis 5:21-24. Not much here, but what do you notice about Enoch from this passage? (Keep in mind, if something is mentioned twice, it means the author wants us to take notice.)
2. Read Hebrews 11:5-6. Enoch lived hundreds or thousands of years before Moses received the Law from God. With this in mind, we don't know what it meant to "walk with God" at this point in time; but it seems that it was relationally-based, not rules-based. What can you gather about Enoch from this Hebrews passage?

3. Verse 6 starts with the statement, *without faith it is impossible to please God*. We don't earn our salvation or love from God, but we can do things that bring God pleasure. Out of love, a father could give his child a gift but is further pleased when he sees his child live in a way that honors their father. What are areas of your life that you hope "please" your Father in heaven?

4. What are ways we could displease God if we don't act in faith?

5. Faith first begins with the belief that God exists and the belief he can do something about what we are facing. What are some core beliefs you have about God that drive how you seek him and live as a Christ-follower? (This might take some time to articulate the beliefs we hold on at the heart level.)

6. In verse 6, the author says that God *rewards those who earnestly seek him*. When we think of a reward, we think of something given to us that blesses us in return for an effort we made. In what ways do you think God rewards people who seek him?

7. In what area are you desiring to seek God more deeply in this season?

#### WORKS 15 MINUTES

1. Make sure you are establishing the four spiritual rhythms together as a community. Those rhythms are:

(1) Daily Devotion (2) Prayer (3) Serving (4) Celebration.

If you need a guide to implement this as a community of faith, see the discussion guide from the weekend of September 20.

2. Daily Devotion: Read Genesis 6-10 this week as preparation for next week's gathering.