

SERMON SERIES
COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES

Sermon title:
The Faith of Abraham

Summary of sermon:

Hebrews 11:8-20

In his long life Abraham encountered many blessings and trials. The majority of the trials he overcame as he learnt how to trust God and His promises. The trials strengthened his faith until he was able to be obedient to the most challenging of those trials when he was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. The writer of Hebrews tells us in Hebrews 11 that Abraham's faith was also strengthened by the God given vision he had of the future – the City of God that would come down from heaven.

We have that same vision given to us in Revelation of the end Times when the New Jerusalem will descend from heaven, We too are called to be people of vision who look forward to the return of Jesus and the new heaven and earth where will dwell for eternity with God.

Discussion points:

1. How have you been challenged in your life to be obedient and had your faith strengthened?
2. Do you share Abraham's hope of the end times?
3. Have you a shorter term vision for what God wants of you?

Action points: *how can we apply the word this week?*

1. Ask God for clarity on His calling for your life
2. Read the End times scriptures again and be encouraged (Matthew 24/25, Revelation etc)
3. Share your faith and hope with someone this week

Prayer points:

Pray for the courage, strength and faith to be an overcomer.