Authentic Faith **Authentic faith walks with God**
June 24, 2012 **Hebrews 11:5-6**

There is no subject of greater importance to living as a follower of Jesus Christ than faith. That's why the teaching contained in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews is among the greatest in the Bible. Here we find explained and illustrated some of the most pressing questions: What is faith? How do we get faith? What are faith's benefits? What are faith's trials and obligations? Particularly in our present day, when counterfeit faiths abound, a study of authentic faith is essential if we are going to stand on solid ground.[i]

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Hebrews 11:5-6. This passage says that by faith Enoch pleased God. Looking at Genesis 5:21-24, we discover that Enoch walked with the Lord. From these passages we can rightly conclude that when we walk with the Lord God by faith we please him. What does it mean to walk with the Lord?

2. According to Hebrews 11:6, what two parts of authentic faith are necessary to walk with the Lord?

3. The reason we don't trust God is due in part to the fact that we don't know him for who he has revealed himself to be in the Bible. Looking at these five wrong views, which one describes your view of God? How does your wrong view of God keep you from trusting him completely today?
   - ☐ God as a Grandfather
   - ☐ God as a Policeman
   - ☐ God as a Cosmic Killjoy
   - ☐ God in a Box
   - ☐ God as Parental Projection

4. How will you get to know God better for who he really is so you can trust him no matter what?

5. To walk with the Lord by faith you must also believe that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. What steps will you take to seek God? If you seek God through faith in Jesus Christ, why can you be certain he will find you? What is the reward for seeking him?

6. Based on these two essential components of walking with the Lord – believing he is who he says he is and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him - how's your walk with the Lord today? Will you make a point of asking others this same question?

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[i] Richard D. Phillips, Faith Victorious: finding strength and hope from Hebrews 11 (Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P & R Publishing Co. 2002) ix.