

***He is God and We Are Not* by Ray Pritchard**
Session Five: Active Faith Releases God's Power
Good Questions: These Lessons Have Groups Talking
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Lesson Five: Active Faith Releases God's Power

Accountability

- What three fellowships do we have planned for the next 3 months?
- What have you read in your quiet time recently that has warmed your heart?
- Has anyone had a spiritually significant conversation with an outsider in recent days?¹

OPEN

- Let's share our name and one thing, besides God, that you have strong faith in.

DIG

1. Let's memorize the passage in the margin of page 120: Hebrews 11.6. Let's do it this way. Let's say it together 7 times out loud. Read it at first, then see if you can say it without looking. Then, I want any of you who will to say it by yourself. Don't forget to include the reference.
2. This verse speaks of reward. Should we come to God with our hand out—with the goal of receiving a reward from Him?
3. What kind of rewards can we expect as we believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him?
4. Can someone quote Hebrews 11.6?
5. Someone read out loud the last two paragraphs of this section—page 121. What is faith and how does it work?
6. Day 2. Page 121ff. Hebrews 11:33-35a lists some consequence of faith. What are three of them?
7. In Hebrews 11:35, things turn a corner. What are some of the consequences of faith in 35b - 38.
8. Pritchard finds three factors that emerge from this section—under the sub-head, "Moving Against the Tide." What are the three factors?
9. When has faith caused you to move against popular opinion? Who has a story?
10. Have you ever been guilty of believing that great faith was only for special people?
11. The last paragraph speaks of outrageous trust. What are some examples of outrageous trust in the Bible?
12. What is the most outrageous thing your faith has driven you to do?
13. Who can quote Hebrews 11.6?
14. Day 3. Page 124ff. What did faith drive Moses to do?
15. Hebrews 11.27 has that curious phrase, "He saw the invisible." What does it mean that he saw the invisible?
16. Day 4. Page 126ff. Pritchard says, "Faith is not a feeling but a choice." He goes on to say that feelings are important, but. . . How important are feelings to Christian living? In what way are they important? What is the limitation of the importance of feelings?

¹You might cycle through these questions, asking a different one each week.

17. Page 126 has three italicized statements summarizing what faith is about. Find the verb in each one. What does faith *do*?
18. Someone read the quote in the margin of 127. How would you explain this to a child?
19. Day 5. Page 128. Someone read the paragraph about Todd Beamer, stopping with the question, "Did it work out all right for him?" How would you answer that question?
20. In the next section we read of Jim and Roni Bowers. Who can tell that story?
21. How could Jim say, "Nothing bad happened to them"?
22. How has faith mattered to you in the really difficult chapters of life?
23. How can we become people of strong faith and confidence?
24. What keeps us from becoming people of strong faith and confidence?
25. What are the benefits of being people of strong faith and confidence?
26. What does lack of faith cost us?
27. Who can quote Hebrews 11.6?
28. How can we pray for one another this week?