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# FAITH · HOPE · LOVE

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LIVING FOR WHAT LASTS



# FAITH

## Bible Study

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What makes a person trustworthy?

Look up the following Bible passages to see what they teach us about faith. (Do it all together or break up into groups and then report back to everyone.)

### Faith means trusting God

- Psalm 46
- Proverbs 3.5-6
- Mark 1.14-15
- Hebrews 11.6
- Jeremiah 17.7

### Faith means admitting our powerlessness

- Luke 18.9-14
- Luke 18.15-17
- Mark 9.23-25
- Luke 17.5

### Faith means relying on God's grace

Now spend some time together thinking more about faith - read Eph. 2.1-10.

How would you write verses 8-9 in your own words?

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From what have we been saved?

cf. John 3.16-17

How have we been saved?

What works do we have to do to be saved? What credit can we take?

What attitude should you change, or action should you take to trust God more?

What comfort can we draw from knowing that salvation is a free gift?

(If you have time: Read Romans 4. How is Abraham an example to us of faith?)

**Next week: Faith looks forward to the future - Hope**



# HOPE

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What are you most looking forward to about eternal life?

Look up the following Bible passages to see what they teach us about hope. (Do it all together or break up into groups and then report back to everyone.)

### The direction of hope - the future

- Jeremiah 29.11
- Psalm 121.7-8
- Romans 8.24-25
- Hebrews 11.1 (also v10, 39-40)

### The person of hope - God

- Psalm 71.5
- Psalm 119.114
- Hebrews 6.19-20
- Hebrews 10.23

### The present impact of hope - rest

- Psalm 130
- Psalm 131
- Romans 15.13

### The certainty of hope - assurance

Now spend some time together thinking more about hope - read Romans 5.1-5.

How would you write verse 5 in your own words?

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What is the source of our hope?

What response do we have to this hope in Jesus Christ?

How does this hope help us understand suffering and hardship?

What certainty can we have, even when things are difficult?

(If you have time: Read 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18. What is our hope? (cf. 2.19))

**Next week: Faith and Hope express themselves in Love**



# LOVE

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Why is love such a big deal?

Look up the following Bible passages to see what they teach us about love. (Do it all together or break up into groups and then report back to everyone.)

### Love comes from God

- Romans 5.6-8
- 1 John 3.1
- John 3.16
- Ephesians 3.16-19

### Love is how we live

- John 15.12-14
- 1 Corinthians 16.13-14
- Colossians 3.14
- 1 Peter 4.8
- Ephesians 5.1-2

### God's love overflows to one another

Now spend some time together thinking more about love - read 1 John 4.7-21.

How would you write verses 9-10 in your own words?

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How has God shown love to us?

What does it mean 'God is love'?

Why is it loving that Jesus came as the atoning sacrifice for our sins?

How does God's love effect our love?

What is the connection between our love for God and our love for brothers and sisters in Christ?

How can we grow in love for each other?

(If you have time: Read 1 Corinthians 13.13 - Why is love the greatest of the three?)



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