

**BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS LIVE BY FAITH**

Galatians 2:20; 3:11; Hebrews 11:1-3; Romans 1:17; 4:20-21

**BIBLE VERSE: HEBREWS 12:1-2**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.”

**BIG IDEAS**

- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- Faith creates gratitude in every victory, and endurance in every loss.
- Faith is grounded in Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 11-12:2**

**UNITE - I AM CALLED**

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

**SERIES AIMS**



**Every student should know that...**

- God is the One True King.
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- There is a cost to following Jesus.



**Every student should feel...**

- Confident in the steadfastness of the Lord.
- Grateful for the cloud of witnesses that we have as a model for how to faithfully follow Christ.
- Grounded in Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



**Every student should strive to...**

- Examine their own heart and repent of how they have followed false saviors.
- Pray regularly asking the Lord to grow their faith in Him.
- Endure through discouragement and difficult circumstances.



**Every student should want...**

- To devote themselves to pursuing holiness.
- To suffer well for the glory of God.
- To use their lives to point others to a better Savior, King, and Treasure.

**STUDENT WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder what it means to have faith that helps us endure. We will pray for greater faith to endure during difficult times. We will practice having gratitude in our victories and endurance in our losses.

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**Read and meditate on Hebrews 11-12:2 this week.**

As you read these verses and think on them use these questions to help you meditate on them:

- What does it mean to have a faith that produces endurance?
- What are the challenges to enduring during hard times? How can you grow in your faith to persevere in this life?

**Ponder the faith of those listed in Hebrews 11.**

- How does your faith compare?
- How does your faith compare to the life of Jesus?
- What are some obstacles to your faith?
- How can you remove obstacles so you can grow in your faith?



**Pray for your faith to grow.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you evaluate your faith and to trust Jesus.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to help you show gratitude during your victories and endurance during your losses.



**Jesus is the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

- Spend time evaluating the things you trust in. Make a list of the other things you trust in. For example, do you trust in your friends, your abilities, or your parents more than Jesus? Make a list of Scriptures that speak of God's steadfastness and His faithfulness. Choose one or two to memorize this week.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can discipline yourself to show gratitude during the good times and endurance during the hard times.