

# WONDERS

Title: **THE WONDERS OF FAITH**

Date: **June 16, 2024**

## Leader's Tips:

- S** - Sensitivity with others. No one should feel left out.
- P** - Participation is encouraged during discussion.
- A** - Acknowledge guests. Make them feel welcome.
- C** - Confidentiality is key. What is shared stays in the group.
- E** - Encourage the group to pray for one another.

## WORSHIP: (15 mins)

### Venue Option 1: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

**Venue Option 2: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online**, ask, "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

## WELCOME:(15 mins): Remember I.W.C.

**I** - Introduce yourself.

**W** - Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

**C** - Cheer up (say a word of encouragement) someone within the group.

## Memory Verse for the week: Hebrews 11:6

**Ice-breaker:** A man was in the African Safari when suddenly a big lion came out of the bushes and starts chasing him. While running for his life, the man begins to pray. "Lord, please make the lion more Christian." Then the lion stopped, bowed his head and began to pray, "Dear Lord thank you for this food I am about to receive." (Anonymous)

## WORD (30–45 mins) - Text: Hebrews 11:6 NLT

**1.Faith connects us to God and keeps us growing in our connection with Him.** Read Hebrews 11:5 NLT

**"It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—he disappeared, because God took him."**

**For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God."** Hebrews 11:5 NLT

Enoch's faith pleased God. He lived a life that pleased God and was literally taken to heaven. He was the first man to be raptured. But what was his faith all about?

"When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah. After the birth of Methuselah, **Enoch lived in close fellowship with God for another 300 years**, and he had other sons and daughters. **Enoch lived 365 years, walking in close fellowship with God.** Then one day he disappeared, because God took him." **Genesis 5:21-24 NLT**

Enoch lived a life of "walking in close fellowship with God." that God decided to take him up without going through the human process of death!

**Q: What is your understanding of the word, "faith?"**

**Q: How important is the role of faith (in God ) in your everyday life?**

**2. Faith brings supernatural things into our lives - v.6, "... Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him."**

Through faith, supernatural things happens, we refer to these as miracles.

**Q: When was the last time you experienced a miracle?**

Hebrews 11:6 says, God is a rewarder! Whenever we receive God's rewards due to our faith, they are of supernatural origin. God has established the natural course of life in the physical world (*birth, growth, old age, death*). But there are also many times He becomes involved in changing that course in people's lives so that we experience something supernatural in nature... a miracle.

**Q: What miracle do you want the Lord to perform in your life today?**

**Conclusion:** How can we have faith?

**"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."** Hebrews 11:1 NIV

We cannot see God with our naked eyes or know Him with our physical way of knowing someone, we can know God through His Word. When we read His WORD, seeing and knowing God is possible. God desires that we place our hope and confidence in Him through His Word.

## Read Romans 10:17 NKJV

Faith in God is possible only when we know Him through His Word and trust Him enough to fully rely on Him and obey Him. Hear what Jesus has to say about what our relationship with God brings to our daily life.

**Q: What is your take-away from the discussion?** Partner with someone in prayer.

## WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

**P- Pray** for one another. Ask "**what can I pray for you?**" (7mins.)

**R- Remind** to invite a friend on the next gathering.

**A- Apply** the message during the week.

**Y- Yearn** to share your faith with some one during the week.