

From A to B: Part 3

Permanent: Hebrews 11:13-16

Big Idea: Faith distinguishes between what will pass and what will last.

When we treat temporary things like permanent things we are permanently disappointed by the temporary results!

People of faith:

1. Know that life is Temporary

Faith doesn't let what is temporary define them.

2. Are Progressive

Faith focuses on what's ahead instead of trying to recapture the past.

3. Pursue what is Eternal

The reason why we long for an eternal existence is because God has created us with a permanent desire to be in relationship with him.

Application:

Life Group Study Guide

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Read Hebrews 11. Write down your observations and questions. What do you think the main point of this passage is? Write down any verses or passages that don't make sense and bring them to the group.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

How would you define 'faith' in your own words? What do you think are some key characteristics of someone who has strong faith? Can you think of someone that you know that you would consider a person of deep faith? What is it about them that stands out to you?

Read Hebrews 11:1-16. What are some of the most profound insights that stand out to you? What do you think are the most important themes in this passage? What questions does this passage raise for you?

Focus on verses 13-16. Why is it significant that Abraham and his family considered themselves aliens and strangers on earth? How do you think having a mindset that this life is temporary helps gives us perspective in our everyday lives? Are there temporary things that you tend to place permanent importance upon (ex: money, possessions, titles, etc.)?

What does verse 16 say about Abraham's perspective? How can pursuing a 'heavenly country' change the way we live on a daily basis? Contrast this with living without an eternal perspective. What are some key differences between these different ways of looking at life?

Are there temporary things that you are placing eternal importance on? In what ways can you increase your attention on eternal things, and keep a healthy perspective on what is temporary?