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# D-GROUP LEADERS GUIDE

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**OUR TEXT:** Hebrews 11:1-3

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (NASB)*

**GOAL FOR THE NIGHT:** Our goal for the mid-week series is changing a bit! So far we have clearly been trying to simply encourage, comfort and bring hope in today’s difficult world. While we still want to supply these things through God’s word, we now want to add to that an element of **“challenge”**. Yes, we want to challenge God’s people to respond to today’s troubles with steadfast and aggressive faith.

With that in view, we are starting a new series this week titled, **“The Faith that Pleases God”**. It’s a line-by-line study of **Hebrews 11**. This chapter gives God’s people the best possible idea of what God-pleasing faith actually looks like as it’s lived out in times of hardship by God’s people.

**HELP TO GET THINGS GOING:** After watching tonight’s devotional together, here are some questions you can ask your group to get things going. As a good leader, don’t be afraid to call on people to answer, that way the quiet ones get a chance to engage, and the talkative ones don’t get the chance to dominate.

**Q:** So do you think you have always had a right idea of biblical faith or have you ever fallen into some of the “bad theology” concerning faith that pastor talked about?

**Q:** Pastor talked about faith being our spiritual eyes through which we perceive and experience the spiritual world, but he also talked about faith being the driving force behind our pursuit of glorifying Jesus in our lives. How has your personal faith moved you to respond or prompted you to action during this season of trial?

**Q:** How healthy is your personal faith right now today? Give it a ranking from 1 to 10, then explain why you ranked it there.

**OTHER THOUGHTS:** Why not get your people praying for each other tonight... yes, even the ones that don’t normally pray out loud! Couple them up, men with men and women with women, and give them about 15 minutes to pray for each other. Don’t let them “talk or banter”... get them actually praying! You could share this verse from **1 Peter** and just have them “pray the word” over each other. Just listen to the words here, *“establish, strengthen, settle...”* That’s great stuff that God wants to do!

## **1 Peter 5:10-11**

*But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever.  
Amen.*