Life Group Study

“What is required to live by faith”
SERIES: “Stretch Your Nets” – Acts (12)
Hebrews 11:6 and Acts 12:1-19
Study: Rev. Paul Witter Sermon: Sean Mullin

**Prepare**

View the sermon. (There are no sermon notes for this sermon)

***Choose those questions that are pertinent to the group member’s needs
and experiences. We will be following the TEAMS approach in this study.***

**Open**

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom to you.
2. As you consider the people in your life group, what positive adjectives would you use to describe them?
3. If you were arrested by an anti-Christian government, what evidence would they have against you with regard to your Christian faith?
4. What stood out in the sermon for you? It may be a point, a question you have, or something you want to know more about.

**Digging Deeper: Read Hebrews 11:5-6

TEACHING**

1. What two aspects of faith please God, according to Hebrews 11:6? Practically speaking, what does this mean?

1. The context of Hebrews 11:6 is the life of Enoch in verse 5. Why did Enoch please God? For the account of Enoch’s life read Genesis 5:21-24. We know from Jude 14 that he was a prophet and a preacher of righteousness.
2. Habakkuk 2:4(b) says “*But the righteous one will live by his faith*.” This verse is quoted three times in the New Testament. Look up the verses and discuss how the verse is applied in these passages. Use a study Bible if you need help.

Romans 1:17

Galatians 3:11

Hebrews 10:38
3. Read Acts 12:1-19

Why is faith so important when it comes to prayer? See Acts 12:5. What made Elijah’s prayer “fervent” or “earnest” (James 1:17). (The story is found in 1 Kings 17:1,2 and 18:1.)
4. In what ways are we like the disciples – see Acts 12:15,16?
Why was it so difficult to believe that God had answered their prayers? Do you think their original prayers were sincere, and if they were, what made it difficult to believe that God had answered their prayers.

**Going forward - EQUIPPING**

1. Why is it important to be focused in prayer, to pray sincerely, and to believe? How can we apply this to the “Pray and Go” outreach?
2. Why is it important to pray specifically? What sort of things should we be asking God to do as we pray outside homes during the “Pray and Go” outreach?
3. Do you believe that God can answer our prayers as we pray for people?

1. Share and pray with your prayer partner about **one** “take home” action point that you would like to implement.
2. **ACCOUNTABILITY:** Share with your prayer partner how you are doing with your personal testimony and “Pray & Go” prayer walks.
3. **MISSION**:
\* Decide WHEN and WHERE you will do the “Pray & Go” outreach.
 Go on your prayer walk.

\* Share your personal testimony with one person. It could be a friend
 or family member, or a person who needs to hear it!
4. **SUPPLICATION**: PRAY together as a group for the “Pay & Go” outreach.