



5. What does the author suggest by “commended” (cf. 11:2, 4, 5, 39)? What did those who did not receive God’s approval lack (cf. 3:16-4:3)?
  
6. The author states the following:
  - a. “By faith we *understand* that the universe was created by the word of God...” (11:3)
  - b. “By faith...since she (Sarah) *considered* him faithful who had promised.” (11:11)
  - c. “By faith...he (Abraham) *considered* that God was able...” (11:19)

Is Biblical faith a “blind leap of faith”? Based on these verses, what does the preacher imply as an essential component to Biblical faith? Can you think of other ingredients necessary for Biblical faith?

7. Given the tone and language implemented in 11:6, how important is faith? If someone wants to draw near to God, what *must* a person believe?
  
8. All of these characters of faith not only lived by faith, they also died in faith. Even though they were unable to fully experience promises, they were able to “see and welcome them from afar”. Based on 11:13-16, what are characteristics of faithful people?