



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 6: Submitting to God's Way through Our Offerings and Sacrifices—Hebrews 11-13

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

How is this God's story?

How is this others' story?

How is this my story?

How is this the world's story?

PRAYER

God in heaven who reigns over all the peoples and nations,

We need the kind of faith that moves mountains today and every day because there are situations in our lives that are shadowed over. We sometimes feel as though we can't even begin to move out of the shadow.

We believe in You and Your power to move mountains. In Matthew 17:20, You tell us, "if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." God of all, take what faith we have and nurture it into a huge tree of faith so that we can testify to being moved out of the shadows.

Thank You, Lord, that with You, nothing is impossible. In Jesus' precious, mighty and holy name we pray. Amen.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Sometime this week, find the time to read this passage from the gospel of Luke:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you" (Luke 17-1-6).

- What are the ways this passage speaks to your life?
- In what ways can you increase your faith this week?

BECOMING MY STORY

Matthew 17:20 Hebrews 11:1 Colossians 1:5 1 Thessalonians 3:2

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Hebrews 11-13, consider the following questions:

How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Hebrews 11-13?

How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Hebrews 11-13?

What is God saying to you through these passages?

Consider other passages you might know related to Hebrews 11-13 and read them this week, journaling as you go.

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