

Title: By Faith: Walk, Enoch, Walk // **Scripture:** Hebrews 11:5-6; Genesis 5:21-24

ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME *15-20 minutes*

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

SERMON REVIEW *5-10 minutes*

Walking with God brings Enoch to a different destination than everyone else in the genealogy listed in Hebrews. Adam and Eve walked with God in the garden and he provided everything for a good life, including the boundary of not eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. When they disobeyed by walking away from his provision, their instinct was to hide from God instead of walking with Him. Sin and death entered the picture for humanity, but Adam and Eve still desired to please God. Their grandson, Enoch, found true life by losing himself in his walk with God. Hebrews 11 tells us that “Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.” Enoch didn’t know for certain where God would lead, but he kept walking in the same direction with Him. Embracing a decision to walk with God for the duration of our lives means that we can trust God with the destination.

THE MAIN THOUGHT *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

SEE IT – Questions *10-15 minutes*

Picture (What is the story saying?): What started Enoch’s walk with God? What was in Enoch’s past or present that could have led him to a different decision? Who was Enoch trying to please? What was different about Enoch’s destination?

Mirror (Where am I in the story?): How did your walk with God start, or have you started a walk with God? How would you describe your walk with God? What are some of the challenges you face as you try to walk with God in the same direction for the entire duration of your life? Though we might not have the same destination as Enoch in terms of literally walking out of this life as we know it, what can we know about our destination?

Window (How does the story change how I see those around me?): What does it look like to see someone with a faith that pleases God? Have you walked alongside someone on their journey to finding a faith that is their own? Who has God potentially put in your life so they can see your faith?

BE IT – Practice

Change UP // Direction

“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...” Time will vary per individual

Go on a physical walk with God and reflect on the direction in which you are headed in your spiritual walk. Ask God to speak to you about the truth you need to hold on to in this season and to expose any lies that could cause your life to drift away from what Jesus is calling you toward. Write down any lies and/or truth along with any scripture that comes to mind after your prayer walk.

Change IN // Destination

“... Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” What are your big hopes regarding the destination of your life? Enoch desired to please God, not men. Jesus walked continuously with his Heavenly Father and always seemed to know the right next thing to do even before his destination was revealed. Take about 8 minutes for the following: Write down 3-4 interests you have (hobbies or things you do in your free time). Write down 3 things you are passionate about (things that you get excited about waking up to do). Write down 2-3 things that burden you (problems you see that you’d like to solve). Ask God how you can leverage your faith or invest it toward one of the things you wrote down. Share your thoughts with one another.

Change OUT // Decision and Duration

“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” Time will vary per individual

We are called to a faith that endures but we are not expected to run the race alone. Take some time this week to ask God about who you are running with or for and write down what you hear God saying. Make a prayer list from that reflection and pray for those people every day for 14 days. If you find yourself with a limp or disruption in your faith walk, decide to find a mentor or resources. If you are leveraging your faith for your children, a family member, or a friend, keep praying and ask Jesus for wisdom and courage. Following the example of Jesus, look for a way to invite one of these people in your life to take a step forward in faith, challenging them in a productive way to consider the value of faith.

CLOSING PRAYER *5 minutes*

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.