

Hebrews 11:5-6 --> Enoch

Leader Guide: Hebrews 11:5–6 & Enoch

“By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death... Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him...” (Hebrews 11:5–6)

Big idea:

Enoch’s life shows that faith is not just a belief but a daily walk with God that pleases Him. Ultimately, faith that pleases God looks to Christ, the one who reconciles us and enables us to draw near.

Key Old Testament reference:

- Genesis 5:18–24 – *“Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.”*

Discussion Questions with Leader Notes & Suggested Answers

1 **Read Genesis 5:21–24. What does it mean that Enoch “walked with God”?**

Leader notes:

- Invite the group to describe “walking” as a picture of relationship, intimacy, and consistent faith.
- Go beyond mere obedience.

Suggested answer: It means living in close fellowship, daily communion, and trust with God—not just following rules but knowing Him personally.

Follow-up: Ask: What might that look like practically in our lives?

2 **According to Hebrews 11:5, what about Enoch pleased God?**

Leader notes:

- Emphasize the text: it wasn’t heroic deeds, but faith.

- Tie faith to relationship and trust.

Suggested answer: Enoch pleased God because of his faith—his trust in God and desire to walk closely with Him, not because of external accomplishments.

3 Verse 6 says, “Without faith it is impossible to please God.” Why is faith so essential?

Leader notes:

- Focus on faith as dependence on God, not on ourselves.
- Connect to the gospel.

Suggested answer: Faith honors God by acknowledging who He is and our need for Him. True faith pleases God because it relies on His grace, pointing us to Christ.

Follow-up: Ask: How does this free us from trying to earn God’s favor?

4 Hebrews 11:6 also says we must believe “that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” What does this tell us about the character of God?

Leader notes:

- Discuss God’s goodness, generosity, and relational heart.
- Connect reward to Himself, not just blessings.

Suggested answer: God isn’t distant or harsh; He desires relationship and delights to bless those who earnestly seek Him. The greatest reward is Himself.

5 How does Enoch’s story point us to Jesus?

Leader notes:

- Draw parallels: Enoch walked closely with God; Jesus walked perfectly with the Father.
- Jesus makes our walk possible.

Suggested answer: Enoch’s closeness with God foreshadows Christ, who perfectly walked with the Father and reconciles us so we can walk with God

too.

6 Enoch “did not see death.” How does this encourage us when we think about death and eternity?

Leader notes:

- Talk about hope beyond death.
- Tie to Christ’s victory over death.

Suggested answer: Enoch reminds us that death isn’t the end for those who trust God. Jesus, who conquered death, gives us the hope of eternal life with Him.

7 What might it look like to “walk with God by faith” in your daily life?

Leader notes:

- Encourage specific, personal responses.
- Focus on relationship, not perfection.

Suggested answer: Daily prayer, reading Scripture relationally, depending on Him in decisions, confessing sin quickly, and living aware of His presence.

8 How does knowing that Christ is the true “pleaser of God” strengthen your faith?

Leader notes:

- Emphasize grace and Christ’s obedience.
- Show faith resting in Jesus’ finished work.

Suggested answer: We can walk with God not because we always get it right, but because Christ walked perfectly in our place and covers us with His righteousness.

† Christ-centered cross-references:

- *John 8:29 – Jesus says, “I always do what pleases him.”*
- *Colossians 2:6 – “As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.”*
- *Hebrews 12:2 – Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.*