



Sermon Discussion Guide

November 2, 2025

Hebrews 11:32–40

1. Understanding "Simul Iustus et Peccator"

- **Question:** What does "Simul Iustus et Peccator" mean?
- **Why do you think this paradox is an impactful one for so many Christians?**

2. Saint

- How does the Bible describe a saint, and how is this different from our usual perception of sainthood?
- **Activity:** Look up the word "saint" in the Bible. If you have a Study Bible, use the word index in the back. Or just Google: "list every passage that contains the word 'saint.'" What do you learn?

3. Seeing Ourselves as God Does

- **When does it become difficult for a Christian to see themselves as a saint?**
- **Activity:** Write down times when you've struggled or will struggle with your faith or identity. Discuss how remembering that you are a saint could change your perspective.

4. Faith and Struggles

- Find the list of heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. How did they experience the blessing of their faith? How did they struggle?
- How do their lives inform you on what your life will look like as a believer?

5. Experiencing Disappointment and Perseverance

- What are the "three D's" mentioned in the sermon, and how can they affect your faith journey?
- **Discuss how God helping you to see yourself as a saint gives you proper expectations of this life and shifts your perspective on your struggles.**

6. The Role of Faith in Suffering

- Discuss how the story of the congregation member with ALS shows the power of remembering your status as a saint.
- List the ways remembering you are a saint helps you in your struggles?

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.