**FAITH**

(“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” – Hebrews 11:1, New International Version)

1. When it comes to faith, does God encourage or accept a divergence of approaches? Is it true, as many believe, that many paths lead to God?

2. What are the major lessons we learn from the parable in Luke 18:1-8?

3. How would you describe the difference between believing in God and believing God? Why is this important?

4. Hebrews 11:6 describes two aspects of faith. What are they and what does this verse have to do with why some lack faith?

5. In Ephesians 2:8-9 did Paul preach a faith that did not involve a need for obedience?


7. Few attitudes are more disheartening and destructive to faith than the notion that God doesn't hear our prayers, doesn't answer or doesn't care. It is easy to come to such conclusions when God doesn't seem to respond when or how we want. What principles, concepts or examples can help us resist such a notion?

8. What are some examples of enemies of faith?

9. God expects us to grow in faith. What lessons about growing in faith can we learn from the example of the prophet Jeremiah? Please note the following verses: Hebrews 11:34, 36; Jeremiah 37:15-17; 38:6, 10; 11:19-21; 1:4-8; 20:7, 9, 14; 17:14, 17

10. Since living faith emerges as a result of a maturing relationship with God, what are some things we can do to strengthen this relationship?

11. Will our faith be tested? How do we know? In what ways? Why?

12. What is the relationship between faith, trials and maintaining a clear vision of the promise of the Kingdom of God?