



Hebrews

Men and Women of Faith

Interpreting the Text:

1. What are the principal characteristics of “faith” as defined in chapter 11?
2. What was “faith” for the recipient of Hebrews? How does the initial definition of “faith” help to clarify what the homilist is trying to describe?
3. How important is it for Christians today to be in touch with the history of the people of Israel? How does our knowledge of their stories impact our ability to understand the texts of the New Testament?

Applying the Text:

1. Which of the examples of faith provided in chapter 11 feels most compelling to you? What are some other examples of faith that we have from figures in the Bible (both testaments) that you would add to this list?
2. How would the author exemplify your faith if you were mentioned in this section?