

SOLA

'Sola Fide'

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Group Connection Point

What is something or somewhere that you had seen many times in pictures but eventually saw in person (a landmark, work of art, etc.)? Did it meet the expectations, fall short, or exceed them?

Group Discussion Questions for 'Sola Fide'

Read Hebrews 11:1

1. In Hebrews 11, we see numerous examples of faith throughout Scripture. How does the author define faith? With that definition in mind, what do you put faith in on a daily basis (spiritual or non-spiritual)?
2. Is faith in God blind or can it be seen? Does it make a difference one way or the other?
3. Following verse 1 and going through verse 38, we see stories from the Old Testament ranging from Abraham to Moses to Gideon to David and more. How does hearing the stories of faith being lived out in the life of someone else encourage you in your faith? Why is the concept of stories so important in sharing faith?
4. We see this list of faithful people that are lifted as examples we are to follow. But each one is broken and made major mistakes in their life. How does the fact that God is willing and ready to use broken people as examples of faith change your view? How does that apply with how you view your own faith life?
5. We are called to have 'assurance' in verse 1. What are we called to have assurance in? How do we gain that assurance?

Read Hebrews 11:39-40

6. We are called to have faith in something beyond this world which is what? How does knowing what is to come change our here and now? What role does faith play in that?
7. Where is your faith and trust in God today? Are you happy with that? What is one thing you could change about your faith right now? How can your group help you with that?

Close in prayer

Individual Journaling and Reflection Questions for 'Sola Fide'

Read Romans 3:25-28

- What does it mean to that Christ's sacrifice is, 'to be received by faith'?
- How might a greater recognition of grace and in turn, a greater demonstration of grace change your life for the better?
- How does recognition of your brokenness lead to a greater faith? How, if we are not careful, might it damage our faith? How can you insure it works for a stronger and not weaker faith life?

Prayer for The Story Continues 'Sola Fide'

As you take time to pray in your small group or throughout the week on your own, here are some ideas and concept to focus your time:

- Pray for a growing faith life that is full of joy and challenges, and in turn forcing you to rely that much more on the love of Christ.
- Pray for the stories and glimpses of salvation and the love of God that are around you and shared through you.
- Pray that you and those around you can rely solely on the salvation through the Jesus and not a false belief that it is our own worth, or lack there of, that will gain us eternity.