

week 25
Passing the Promise
Hebrews 11:17-22

Total Time: 60 minutes (flexible)

opening prayer

"Jesus, help us trust You more than what we can see. Teach us to live with faith that extends beyond our own lifetime and to faithfully pass Your promises to others. Amen."

highlights & connection

opening reflection

- Who has had the greatest spiritual influence on your life?
- What did they pass on to you?

Bridge Statement: Most people spend their lives asking, "What am I building?" Hebrews 11 asks a different question: "What am I passing on?"

Key Reminder: Faith thinks beyond the present moment.

scripture focus

Read Aloud: Hebrews 11:17-22

main discussion focus

Key Truth # 1 - Abraham - Faith Trusts the Promise Giver

- Isaac represented God's promise
- Abraham's test was trust
- Faith trusts God's character even when circumstances are confusing

Discuss

- Where have you experienced tension between what God promised and what you currently see?

Key Insight: Trust the Promise Giver more than the promise.

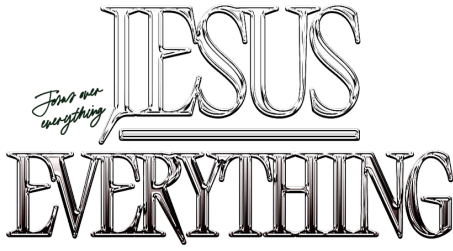
Key Truth # 2 - Isaac — Faith Passes the Baton

- Isaac receives the promise
- Isaac blesses the next generation
- Faithfulness is often found in ordinary handoffs

Discuss

- Why do we often overlook ordinary acts of faithfulness?

Key Insight: Some of the most important moments of faith happen around dinner tables, not mountaintops.



Key Truth # 3 - Jacob — Faith Thinks Generationally

- Jacob blesses the next generation
- His focus shifts from achievement to legacy
- Faith asks what is being passed on

Discuss

- What are you intentionally passing on right now?

Key Insight: Every person is handing something to the next generation.

Key Truth # 4 - Joseph — Faith Lives by Promise

- Joseph planned around God's promise
- He arranged his future around what God said
- Faith lives as though God will do what He promised

Discuss

- What promises of God are shaping your decisions today?

Key Insight: Faith doesn't merely believe God can. Faith lives as though God will.

renewal - The Baton

Part A- What Is In Your Hands?

Discuss:

- Who handed faith to you?
- What investments did others make that helped shape your faith?

Part B - What Will You Pass On?

Discuss:

- Who has God entrusted to your influence?
- What do you hope they receive from your life?

Key Line: The question isn't whether you'll leave something behind. The question is what.

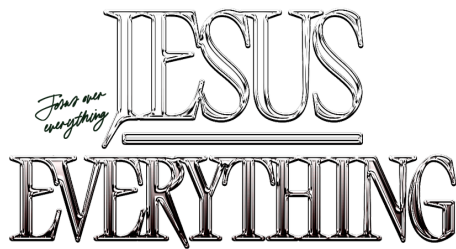
missional living - Pass It Forward

Each person answers:

- Who is one person I can intentionally invest in this week?
- How can I pass on faith through encouragement, discipleship, prayer, or example?

Next Week Follow-Up:

- Who did you intentionally invest in?
- What happened?



prayer

1. **Gratitude:** "Thank You for those who passed faith to me..."
2. **Trust:** "Help me trust Your promises even when I cannot see the outcome..."
3. **Legacy:** "Use my life to help others know and follow You..."

final takeaways

- Faith trusts the Promise Giver
- Faith passes the baton
- Faith thinks generationally
- Faith arranges life around God's promises
- Faith believes God's promises are bigger than a single lifetime

memory verse

"He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead..." - Hebrews 11:19

discipleship journey connection

This week is about: Legacy Formation

Encourage:

- Long-term faithfulness
- Investing in others
- Trusting God's promises
- Thinking beyond personal success
- Passing the promise to the next generation