

Quarter At-A-Glance

September 2022

A Living Faith

This study focuses on faith. The first unit uses passages from Hebrews to move participants toward a definition of faith, while the second and third units continue the study of faith through the lens of the Early Church.

UNIT 1 • What Is Faith?

These lessons engage learners in responsive obedience to God's love that is revealed in Jesus. This response is an act of faith.

Lesson 1: September 4, 2022

Faith Calls for Perseverance

Hebrews 10:19–31

We can be secure about our spiritual lives. The writer of Hebrews tells us that through faith and because of the blood of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven, and we can experience the presence of God in a new and life-giving way.

Lesson 2: September 11, 2022

Faith Is Assurance

Hebrews 11:1–3, 6; Psalm 46:1–3, 8–11

Because of all the conflicts in the world, people may lose hope for positive change. According to the writers of Hebrews and Psalms, because God is with us, we can be rescued, and then change can take place by our belief in God's strength.

Lesson 3: September 18, 2022

Faith Is Endurance

Hebrews 12:1–11

People know that to win a race, we sometimes have to suffer some pain but that we must keep our eyes on the goal. The writer of Hebrews

introduces us to a huge crowd of witnesses of the faith who have trained well, kept their eyes on God in Christ Jesus, and have grown in grace and character.

Lesson 4: September 25, 2022

Faith Inspires Gratitude

Hebrews 12:18–29

People fear many things, especially judgment and death. The writer of Hebrews says God, in Christ Jesus, brought us forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Lesson 5: October 2, 2022

Faith Requires Mutual Love

Hebrews 13:1–3; 1 Corinthians 13

People search for a workable and reliable definition of love. The writers of Hebrews and 1 Corinthians define love and tell us that it is greater than faith and hope.

UNIT 2 • Who Understands Faith?

The first two lessons focus on Stephen's message and martyrdom. The third lesson explores the repercussions for those who treat faith as a commodity. The fourth lesson looks at the faith that guides both Philip the evangelist and the Ethiopian seeker to examine the Scriptures together.

Lesson 6: October 9, 2022

Stephen's Arrest and Speech

Acts 6:8–7:2a

People need a bold and perceptive leader to articulate truth in times of uncertainty. Stephen,

in the face of opposition, demonstrated the power and wisdom of the Spirit to speak the truth of Christ.

Lesson 7: October 16, 2022
Stephen's Martyrdom
Acts 7:51–8:1a

When strong leaders confront traditional ideas, their words may incite anger and violence. Stephen's criticism of the religious establishment and his exaltation of Christ enraged the religious leaders, so they stoned him to death.

Lesson 8: October 23, 2022
Simon Wants to Buy Power
Acts 8:9–24

Some people try to buy power. When Simon the magician tried to buy the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter plainly laid out the fatal consequences for those who think the Spirit can be bought or sold.

Lesson 9: October 30, 2022
Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
Acts 8:26–39

When it comes to membership in certain groups, some people want to prescribe who is in and who is out. Philip's sharing of the Good News about Jesus and the baptism of the Ethiopian demonstrate the universal availability of the gospel message.

UNIT 3 • What Does Faith Cost?

This unit is a four-lesson study of Paul's faith and ministry. The first lesson examines Paul's speech before King Agrippa. The second lesson goes with Paul aboard the ship to Rome. The final two lessons focus on Paul's ongoing ministry even though he is a prisoner.

Lesson 10: November 6, 2022
Paul Before King Agrippa
Acts 26:19–22

It is difficult to stand by our convictions when other people think we are crazy. Confident that he spoke the truth, Paul did not back down from sharing the story of his faith in Christ.

Lesson 11: November 13, 2022
Paul Sails for Rome
Acts 27:1–2, 33–44

In times of crisis, our panic can lead us to behave irrationally. Paul's confidence in God's faithfulness enabled him to act calmly and assure all the ship's passengers that they would survive the storm.

Lesson 12: November 20, 2022
Paul Ministers in Malta
Acts 28:1–10

Often, we can tell something about the character of people by observing how they respond in difficult situations. Because through Paul's faith in Christ a man was healed, the people of Malta recognized something extraordinary about him.

Lesson 13: November 27, 2022
Paul Evangelized in Rome
Acts 28:23–31

It is a paradox of human nature that even when we have good news to share, some will ignore or reject it. Paul persevered in faith, preaching the Gospel, and bringing salvation to those who would listen, even though there were many who refused to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.