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Sermon Discussion Questions

Something Better - Hebrews 11:39 - 40

- When have you felt a sense of glory, transcendence, beauty, or joy that seemed like it was almost too much to take in? What did you do in response?
- When have you felt a loss, a lack, or a disappointment that made you long for something better? What did you do with that longing?
- Read Hebrews 11:32-40. We read stories of success and triumph, as well as sorrow and loss. Do you agree that our faith can go up or down based on how we think we're doing, or how life is going? How does Jesus give us a better faith? Where does your faith need to be strengthened in difficulty?
- The people who lived by faith did not receive what was promised (see Heb. 11:10). What was their hope? What is the "something better" than God has for them (and us)? We all tend to hope that life will be good when we have enough comfort, success, wealth, or power. How can the better hope of eternal life in Christ strengthen and encourage you?
- "God had something better in mind" for those who lived by faith, "that apart from us, they should not be made perfect." What did love motivate Jesus to do for us? When have you had to sacrifice or deny yourself for the good of others? Do you agree that we need one another to become all that God intends for us to be? How are you reaching



out to others to draw them into the circle of God's love?