



**HATFIELD
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 4 WEEK 1

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The Kingdom Perspective

'And without faith it is impossible to please God...'
Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Icebreaker

Have you ever looked for something, only to find much later that it was in plain sight all along? Share the stories.

Introduction

Read & discuss Matthew 6:22-23 together.

This is not an easy scripture to understand. One of the important points we can however glean from this scripture is that the condition of our inner being – what is inside of us – affects how we perceive reality. This is in line with the Bible's teaching on faith. To live by faith we need to be able to see the world differently to how it is normally viewed.

Discussion:

- Read Romans 4:1-3, 18-25 together. The text explains that Abraham was not in denial about the facts of his predicament. He 'faced the fact that his body was as good as dead'. How did Abraham manage to be 'fully persuaded' of something which was a factual, physical impossibility? Remember that he didn't have the Old or New Testaments. Jesus hadn't come yet. There were also no synagogues where God's Word was taught.
- Have you had an experience where you acted in faith; in a way that challenged the facts? What was the outcome? Share with the group.

Prayer

- Pray the following for each other, our churches, and the leaders of our country.

Pray that we may have the courage and conviction to become fully convinced of, and act upon, that which the Lord gives us, even if it is challenged by the facts around us.