



EKKLESIA BIBLE STUDY – STUDENT GUIDE

THANK YOU... BEFORE

Learning to Trust God Before You See the Answer

Theme

Faith thanks God before circumstances change because God's character never changes.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, open my heart and mind today. Help me not just to learn Your Word but to live it. Strengthen my faith to trust You even when I cannot see what You are doing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 8:28

- Hebrews 13:8
 - 2 Corinthians 5:7
 - John 11:41–44
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BIG IDEA

Faith doesn't wait for proof before giving God praise.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 11:1

Write it below in your own handwriting.

ICEBREAKER

Think about a time you were excited about something before it happened.

What was it?

How did your excitement affect your attitude?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Read Hebrews 11.

According to verse 1...

What is faith?

What can faith "see" that our eyes cannot?

Read Hebrews 13:8.

What does this verse teach us about Jesus?

Why is it important that Jesus never changes?

Read Romans 8:28.

Who does this promise belong to?

Does this verse say everything is good?

Yes ☐

No ☐

What does it actually say?

Read John 11:41-44.

Before Lazarus came out of the tomb...

What did Jesus do first?

Why do you think Jesus thanked the Father before the miracle happened?

FOUR TRUTHS FROM THIS LESSON

1. Yesterday Builds Today's Faith

How has God been faithful in your life before?

How can remembering God's past faithfulness help you today?

2. Faith Sees Beyond Sight

What situation in your life is difficult to trust God with right now?

What would faith look like in that situation?

3. Thanksgiving Is an Act of Trust

Complete this sentence:

"I will thank God today for..."

4. God Is Still Working

Romans 8:28 reminds us that God is always working.

Where do you need to remember that God is still working?

- ☐ Family
- ☐ School
- ☐ Friendships
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Future
- ☐ Finances
- ☐ Spiritual Growth
- ☐ Other:

REFLECTION

Think about these questions quietly.

Which is harder for you?

- ☐ Waiting
- ☐ Trusting
- ☐ Praising
- ☐ Obeying

Why?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

This week...

I will thank God every day for one thing that has not happened yet but that I am trusting Him for.

Write it below.

MY PRAYER

Father,

Today I choose faith over fear.

I choose trust over worry.

I choose thanksgiving before I see the answer.

Help me remember that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Strengthen my faith so that I walk by faith and not by sight.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

TAKE-HOME CHALLENGE

For the next seven days...

Each morning say this out loud before your feet hit the floor:

"Lord, thank You for what You're doing that I cannot yet see."

Then write one sentence each day about how God reminded you He was at work.

Day 1 _____

Day 2 _____

Day 3 _____

Day 4 _____

Day 5 _____

Day 6 _____

Day 7 _____

REMEMBER THIS

"Faith says 'Thank You' before sight says, 'There it is.'"

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