

## Discussion Guide: Hall of Fame of Faith – Part 2

*Let us examine the Scriptures like the Bereans who "received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."*

*Acts 17:11 (NIV)*

**June 15, 2003:** "Hall of Fame of Faith - Part 2" by Pastor Kimber Kauffman, Senior Pastor College Park Church. Pastor Kauffman provided another overview of faith. He taught about evolution versus creation, living by faith which produces good deeds, having a faith focused on "heavenly living", realizing dying is gain over this life, and walking in faith versus by sight.

Pastor Kauffman invited Dr. Jim Williams, CPC elder, to present a testimony about evolution versus creationism. Dr. Williams, IU Medical School professor, referred to Hebrews 11:3 as one of many scriptures which clearly teach God is the Creator. He also referred to his own studies, which prove there is a creator behind microbiology. Interestingly enough, the science and education communities are still unwilling to give up on evolution even though they are aware of these same findings.

"Heavenly living" is a lifestyle focused on living by faith. Your energy, time, and resources are given to the cause of Jesus Christ and obeying the scriptures in a way, which gives no time, energy, nor resources to things of this life.

In Philippians 1:20-24 and other passages, there is a clear understanding that dying and being with Jesus in heaven is much better than being on this earth. True faith realizes the tension of desire to be Jesus and living by faith on this earth. We were exhorted to live by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:6-9) until the Lord takes us away.

### Discussion Questions

1. Think back through your Christian life. Share some of the times where your faith was put into action. Talk about the joy of seeing God provide for you during these times of faith.
2. Read Hebrews 11:3. Evolution theory is so apparent in our culture, but God is the true Creator. How do we know this? What scriptures speak to this topic? How can we influence others that don't believe in God the Creator?
3. Pastor Kauffman referred to believers who are focused on "heavenly living". He had several examples for us: Abraham, Paul the Apostle, Jesus, ... How can our faith become more focused on heaven and eternal things like these heroes of the faith?
4. Read Philippians 1:20-24. Paul was eager to die and be with the Lord. Do you share this same desire? What attracts us to this world that we would rather be here than in heaven with our Savior?
5. In the next week, how can you demonstrate more of a "heavenly living" lifestyle?

If you need a verse for meditation, use Hebrews 11:3, "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."