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SERMON NOTES

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Jesus is Better: A Study of Hebrews

The Same Faith

Hebrews 11:1–12:3

Hebrews 11 is known as the Bible's Hall of Faith. In it, you'll meet various Old Testament heroes. By faith, they persevered and finished their races. They now surround us like a great cloud of witnesses, cheering believers on and reminding us that we share the same faith in the same Christ.

1. Run with a faith that trusts in the unseen.
2. Run with a faith that hopes in a better future.
3. Run with a faith that counts every cost as worthy.
4. Run with a faith that centers on its founder and perfecter.

English Adult Sunday School – Fall 2025

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Passing Faith to Gen X, Gen Y (Millennials), and Gen Z

Led by Eugene Leong and Guest Speakers **Room 113**

Scripture calls us to pass our faith to future generations. Psalm 78:4 instructs us to "tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Yet today's generational landscape presents unique challenges. Cultural shifts, secularism, technology, and generational divides have created obstacles, but also opportunities. This class examines the defining characteristics of generations following the Baby Boomers, exploring their views on faith, authority, truth, and community. We will study scriptural models, discover practical approaches for meaningful intergenerational connections, and learn timeless Christian values such as truth, prayer, mentoring, and storytelling that remain essential in helping reach and disciple younger believers. By understanding generational distinctives and learning to bridge gaps, we can better

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Christian Ethics (Part 1 of 3): Foundations, Entertainment & Technology, Life & Death, Civic Duty & Civil Disobedience

Led by Pastor Jason Tarn, Minister Melvin Huang, Greg Krafka, Michael Cao, Akhil Shenoy, Sam Huang, and Erik Wiest

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- Introductory classes on the Scriptural basis of Christian ethics and issues relating to Christian ethical reflection
- Entertainment & Technology (e.g., social media, video gaming, AI, etc.)
- Life & Death (e.g., abortion, birth control, euthanasia, capital punishment, etc.)
- Civic Duty & Civil Disobedience (e.g., political activism, legislating morality)

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