



# FULLY ALIVE

The Goal of the Gospel

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# Faith

This week we're learning about faith and about the role faith in God plays in being made fully alive in Jesus.



**WATCH THE VIDEO**

[NorthlandChurch.net/Studies](https://NorthlandChurch.net/Studies)

Afterward have someone read the discussion questions in the "Hear God's Story" section and start the conversation.

## Share Your Story

Begin by praying together. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to give you insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of your time together or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

*Then begin your time together by discussing the following questions.*

- Who is someone you have faith in?
- Who is someone who has faith in you?

## Hear God's Story, and Create a New Story

**READ JOHN 10:10 (NIV) & JAMES 2:14-26 (NIV)**

- What's the difference between faith with deeds and faith without deeds?
- What are the two different approaches toward life that Jesus presents in John 10:10?
- What are some of the practical ways you practice your faith in Jesus?
- How does the practice of faith inform the way you fully experience life?
- What's the difference between the belief of the demons described in James 2:19 and the kind of belief Jesus called us to? What's the difference between the life people have apart from Jesus and the life they have in Jesus?
- How does it look different to be fully alive in Jesus? What are some of the visible signs and practices – or "deeds," as referred to in the James 2 passage – evident in a life of faith?
- What are some signs you see in the community or group you're a part of that reveal the fullness of life Jesus provides?
- What's a way you could put your faith in action in the week ahead?

*Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.*

## Find Your Story in God's Story

If you feel God is nudging you to go deeper, take some time between now and our next discussion to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own, jotting your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. Want to go deeper? Select a few verses, and try paraphrasing them, writing them in your own words. If you'd like, share them with the group the next time you meet.

**Hebrews 11 is famous for its depiction of faith. Paragraph after paragraph begins, "It was by faith..." before describing famous Bible heroes and attributing their stories and lives to their faith in God (NLT). That call to live by faith didn't stop in the Old Testament, though. Jesus called us to put our faith in Him. And Paul called us in 2 Corinthians 5:7 to "live by faith, not by sight" (NIV). That call to faith that was the beginning of so many stories in the Bible is the same call to faith we have before us now. Just as God promised before that the result of faith was to be made fully alive, He's making that same invitation to us now, if we'll put our faith in Jesus.**

**READ HEBREWS 11:24-29 (NLT)**

- What are some of the acts of faith that Moses took, according to this passage?
- Without faith, how would Moses have acted differently in those situations? How would his life have been different?
- What is a place in your life where God has "parted the Red Sea" and given you a path forward through faith? How can your group or community help you take those steps of faith?

**READ 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16 (THE MESSAGE)**

- What are the characteristics of the life Jesus has called us to?
- What does it mean to have a "life-giving God"? Where is God breathing life into you?
- How can you "run hard and fast in the faith"? Who in your life can encourage you in your faith in the same way Paul is encouraging Timothy in this passage?

## Engaging people to be fully alive in Jesus.

**What are some areas in your life where you're hoping to be more fully alive? Who are some people already in your life who can help you experience more of that life in Jesus? How can you spark and share life in the people around you?**