1. How does Hebrews 11:1 describe faith?
2. What do you learn about the basic elements of faith from the following verses:
3. Genesis 15:6
4. Proverbs 3:5
5. Romans 3:22
6. What do you learn about the truths on which faith is based from the following verses?
7. 1 Timothy 3:9
8. 1 Timothy 4:1
9. 2 Timothy 3:16
10. **Read Matthew 13:18-23.**
11. What are the things that can happen to a new believer? (verses 19-22)
12. What is the ideal thing to happen to a new believer? (verse 23)
13. **Read Hebrews 12:4-13.**
14. What are two attitudinal temptations when we undergo hardship? (verse 5)
15. Why should we not be bitter or discouraged if we know that hardship is from the Lord?
16. If you are loved by God, what can you expect to experience? (verse 6)

1. If you never experience chastening from the Lord, what does that suggest? (verse 8)
2. Why does God allow us to undergo hardship? (verse 10)
3. If you don’t respond submissively to hardship, what will you not partake of? (verse 10)
4. Contrast the “during” and “after” of hardship: (verse 11)
5. What kinds of preparation should you make for enduring hardship?

(verse 12-13)

1. **Read Galatians 1:6-10.**
2. What were the new believers in Galatia contemplating doing? (verse 6)
3. How did Paul feel about those who were trying to pervert their faith? (verse 8)
4. Who was Paul more concerned about offending by his stance? (verse 10)
5. What was the biggest temptation or hardship you faced as a new believer in Christ? What do you wish someone had done for you?