

Bible study questions and application
Hebrews 11:20-22
“By faith... forward looking

1. Read Philippians 1:19-24 and 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:1. Discuss Paul view of what takes place at death and his understanding of the Christian’s approach to death.
2. Briefly review the lives of Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and then read Hebrews 11:20-22. Was the preacher right in identifying these selected incidents in the lives of these men as being close to death and if so why did he select these particular times in their lives to encourage Christians?
3. What are the dangers of always looking backward and being consumed with regrets, failures, joys, experiences of the past?
4. What is the benefit of looking forward to the fulfilment of God’s promises?
5. Discuss the phrase: The past is formative but the future is determinative in the light of providence and sanctification.