

# EMMAUS

church  community

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series: The Communion of Saints part 4: Lives That Change Lives

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## The Creed

We believe in...

the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints...

## Hebrews 11 [page 843]

1. \_\_\_\_\_

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.”  
- Hebrews 11:1-2

“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.”  
- Hebrews 11:39-40

## Hebrews 12 [page 844]

2. \_\_\_\_\_

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.”  
- Hebrews 12:1

- a.
- b.
- c.

## Therefore... (what difference does the communion of saints make?)

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## Respond: go deeper.

- . What stood out to you from this message?
- . How does the writer define faith? How do the writer's examples illustrate faith?
- . Share your reaction to the statement that “none of them received what had been promised.”
- . What are your thoughts about “the cloud?”
- . Others consider “everything that hinders” to be that which “clings to us” or “subdues” us, or “burdens us with worry.” How would you characterize/describe it? What's an example of something that is hindering you?
- . You are part of “the communion of saints.” How is your life changing/ impacting other's lives?